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ISLANDS TRUST FUND OFFERS TO MATCH \$5,000 IN DONATIONS TO SAVE SOUTH PENDER'S BROOKS POINT

VICTORIA — The Islands Trust Fund will match the next \$5,000 it receives in donations to complete the protection of Brooks Point on South Pender Island. Donations received by December 31, 2013 to the Islands Trust Fund's Opportunity Fund will be doubled and directed to the campaign to save this stunning waterfront property.

Brooks Point and Gowlland Point Regional Parks protect separate points of a wildflower-filled headland jutting out into Boundary Pass on South Pender Island. The parks were separated by private property until recently, when the Capital Regional District (CRD) borrowed the funds needed to purchase the property. The CRD has committed to protecting the entire property as park if the community and conservation partners contribute one-third of the acquisition cost.

So far, the Pender Islands Conservancy Association (PICA) has raised \$152,000 from the local community to protect this remaining section of Brooks Point. PICA needs to raise a further \$150,000 by 2014 in order to keep the CRD from reselling the property to recoup its debt.

"We appreciate The Islands Trust Fund's initiative to help protect one of the last undeveloped, open headlands in the Southern Gulf Islands," said Paul Petrie, a PICA Director. "With a little help from conservation minded individuals and organizations, we can make sure the rare species that call this ecological gem home will stay protected forever – never displaced by development."

"This is a chance to protect a beautiful piece of South Pender's coast line, a natural treasure loved by locals, visitors to the area and boaters sailing by," said Jennifer Eliason of the Islands Trust Fund. "It's been a long road to protecting the whole of Brooks Point. The Islands Trust Fund is excited to help".

To help save Brooks Point, please donate online at <http://islandstrustfund.bc.ca/donate.aspx>, or send your donation to the Islands Trust Fund by mail:

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The Islands Trust Fund is a regional conservancy, preserving landscapes of Canada's islands in the Salish Sea. To learn more about how the Islands Trust Fund works with island landowners to conserve land, please contact the Islands Trust Fund at 250-405-5186 (Victoria) or toll free through Enquiry BC at 1-800-663-7867 (or 604-660-2421 in Vancouver), or visit them online at <http://www.islandstrustfund.bc.ca/>.

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