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Christine Bearchell and Elanne Grose
General Delivery
Lasqueti Island, BC V0R 2J0

Dear Christine and Elanne,

Your Lasqueti Island property may be eligible for NAPTEP (the Natural Area Protection Tax Exemption Program), a program that saves you money while permanently protecting the natural features on your land. Landowners who choose to protect part of their property with a conservation covenant can receive an annual 65% exemption in property taxes on the protected portion of their land. The NAPTEP covenant would allow you to retain ownership of your property while ensuring that the natural features are never destroyed – even after you're gone.

Lasqueti Island is a special place, rich with natural treasures and unspoiled wilderness. Home to plants, animals and ecosystems found nowhere else in the world, Lasqueti and the other Gulf Islands warrant special protection. Please consider making a commitment to land conservation by protecting your property with a NAPTEP covenant. Your gift will qualify you for an annual property tax reduction and help Lasqueti remain beautiful.

With this letter, I have included a brochure describing the program. **On Friday, March 18th, 2011, I will be hosting an open house from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm at the Lasqueti Community Hall** to share information on NAPTEP and conservation covenants. I hope you can join me.

I will also be on Lasqueti on Saturday, March 19th visiting interested landowners and walking their properties with them. These visits are for property owners who are seriously interested in the program and time will be limited, so please call the Islands Trust Fund office early to request a time if you are interested. We can be reached at (250) 405-5186 or toll free via Enquiry BC at 1-800-663-7867 (604-660-2421 in Vancouver).

For more information about NAPTEP, including a guide to calculating NAPTEP costs and benefits and frequently asked questions, visit the Islands Trust Fund at <http://www.islandstrustfund.bc.ca/naptep.cfm>.

Yours truly,

Nuala Murphy
A/Ecosystem Protection Specialist, Islands Trust Fund

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