

# Who Manages and Protects Salt Spring Island Water Resources?

	SSIWPA <sup>1</sup>	WC	SSIWPS	CLSC	NSSWD	Water District Commissions <sup>2</sup>	SSI Conservancy
<b>Environmental Protection and Education</b>							
Directly involved with monitoring, and legislated management of specific fresh water resources.	X	X	X	✓	✓	✓	X
Informs the public through presentations and forums	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Conducts and/or contracts research; publishes reports	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓
<b>Land stewardship and funding sources</b>							
Fundraises to purchase and to steward land resources	X	X	✓	✓	✓	X	✓
Works with private landowners <sup>3</sup>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
May receive private/corporate donations. <sup>4</sup>	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	X	✓
<b>Legislation and Governance</b>							
Water resource policy review <sup>5</sup>	✓ + coordinates local implementation	✓	✓	X	✓	X	X
Resource governance public engagement	✓ —island scale planning and coordinated resource management	X	X	X	✓ —for district initiatives	X	X
Multi-stakeholder forum for coordinated island-wide water resource management <sup>6</sup>	✓	X	X	X	X	X	X

NB: Footnotes are on a separate handout.

## Acronyms:

CLSC - Cusheon Lake Stewardship Committee

NSSWD - North Salt Spring Waterworks District

SSIWPA - Salt Spring Island Watershed Protection Authority

SSIWPS - Salt Spring Island Water Preservation Society

WC - Water Council

## Footnotes:

<sup>1</sup> SSIWPA steering committee voting members must be publicly-elected representatives of participating SSIWPA agencies.

<sup>2</sup> Some water districts are privately owned and operated. They are responsible to report to provincial government. Other water districts are Capital Regional District (CRD) water service areas. Commissions for CRD water service areas are comprised of elected ratepayers who own property within that district. Only certain operational decision-making applies to CRD Water Service Area Commissions, and most resource management and monitoring decision-making falls to CRD staff. CRD is represented at the SSIWPA steering committee by the publicly-elected CRD Director, as well as by staff from the CRD Integrated Watershed Management Program.

For more information about CRD water management programs, refer to:

<https://www.crd.bc.ca/about/whoweare/divisions-departments/integrated-water-services>.

<sup>3</sup> SSIWPA —in a research context.

WC, SSIWPS, CLSC, and Water District Commissions —to protect water-related environmental resources.

NSSWD —district ratepayers, for district water management initiatives.

SSI Conservancy —to protect environmental resources and wildlife in general.

<sup>4</sup> Is a registered charity, or has member agencies with charitable status.

<sup>5</sup> May submit position papers, and local evidence in response to policy and/or regulations to local and provincial government ministries.

<sup>6</sup> All groups follow decision-making by elected board members, the process of which follows specific bylaws distinct to that particular organizational structure.

## General Notes:

CLSC - does monitoring but not management

CRD - Beddis Water Service Area - does management but not monitoring in case of Cusheon Lake Watershed (to date)

More information is available about board membership and membership on individual websites.

The following groups have opportunities for volunteerism by members of the public, regardless of property-ownership or contribution to any particular water district: SSIWPA, Water Council, SSIWPS, SSI Conservancy.