

March 4, 2008

Lily Point needs Hands-Across -the Border help to raise the remaining \$409,000 to purchase it by the end of March 2008. Won't you reach out to help protect the eagles, herons, cormorants and other wildlife of the Boundary Bay and Point Roberts ecosystems from developers' bulldozers? By donating and persuading others to donate, you can help Whatcom Land Trust and the BC Nature Trust purchase this wild land so necessary to the rich biodiversity of the entire ecosystem. For over 10,000 years our First Nations peoples and later, pioneers, harvested the seasonal salmon runs that swept about Point Roberts. This historic wildlife sanctuary is now threatened by developers unless you can help preserve it for all time.

The Land That Time Forgot: Chelhtenem or Lily Point at Point Roberts, Washington

Dear Fellow Environmental Stewards, Bird Lovers, First Nations Peoples, History Buffs, Salmon Guardians, Wildlife Lovers, Naturalists, Anthropologists, and Concerned Citizens of Washington and British Columbia:

The Whatcom Land Trust and the BC Nature Trust ask your help in fundraising to save Lily Point, at Point Roberts. The alternative would be for developers to build a gated community there ruining both its ecosystems and historical and cultural treasures. We have a chance to preserve Lily

Point for all time as parkland, but we need to raise \$409,000 more dollars. Technically, Point Roberts lies in Whatcom County, Washington State, but one must get to Point Roberts by driving through Tsawwassen, B.C., Canada, to reach this gem of an oasis from fast-paced urban living. Details of how you and your friends or family might contribute tax-deductible donations are below this brief summary of just how important this tiny but biologically, and historically important undeveloped wild space is to the citizens of both countries.

In the midst of Point Roberts lies a mystical and magical land of legendary status not only for both First Nations peoples of past and present but also for the pioneers and those of us who have come after them in Canada and in the United States. This is the point of land below the bluffs of Point

Roberts known today as Lily Point, known centuries ago by the people of the North Salish Coast as Chelhtenem.

Blessed with its own petroglyph, and shell midden, Lily Point's native ghosts linger there as reminders of the tree burials and seasonal net fishing of

its past. Spirits of the Lily Point early white pioneers and those of the American Pacific Cannery workers who toiled at what was once the world's largest salmon cannery, mingle with those of the First Nation peoples who came before them... Lily Point is blessed still with large sweeps of salmon through its amazingly bountiful waters. I have counted as

many as nearly 60 eagles, myriads of crows, cormorants, grebes and gulls hunting in the rich, biodiverse waters of the Point in only an hour's time. When I was a child, I found native stone scraping artifacts that had been returned to the beach by the tides. The cannery's old pilings stand sentinel there as a reminder of Lily Point's rich fishing history.

In the summers, this lovely location is graced by wild lily of the valley, tiger lilies, syringa, flowering currants, blackberries and wild

honeysuckle. The very air sparkles with the fragrance of ripening fruit, and resinous fir tree and cedar scents carried on the gentle winds that continually sweep the point. In the spring, large thickets of pioneer lilacs perfume the tangy salt air bordering the sunny meadows of the Point.

Won't you please help make it possible for both land and nature trusts to purchase this property to preserve it as parkland instead of opening it up

to the bulldozers of developers? Thank you so much for taking the time to consider donating. And, please reach out to your friends, families, and respective special interest groups and ask that they do the same. We can do this! We can protect this precious oasis in time with your generosity.

Thank you.

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(1)_Canadian donations should be sent to:

The Land Conservancy
301-1195 Esquimalt Road, Victoria, BC V9A 3N6

The Donor must write "Boundary Bay" in the memo line in order to get the donation credited to Lily Pt.

(2) U. S. donations can be sent to:

Whatcom Land Trust
P.O. Box 6131, Bellingham, WA 98227
"Lily Point" should be put in the memo line.