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Denman Conservancy settles marathon legal case

On November 6, after six years, the Denman Conservancy Association (DCA) settled its landmark legal case against 4064 Investments Ltd. As a result, DCA holds conservation covenants on two large, ecologically valuable areas on Denman Island and has title to an additional 156 acres of land.

Mike Jenks, well-known in BC for buying and immediately logging private land, was the manager and operator for 4064 Investments Ltd. at the outset of the case in 2000.

Denman Conservancy Association (DCA) sued 4064 Investments Ltd for breach of a land purchase contract. DCA asserted that 4064 Investments had been obliged by the contract to place covenants on two areas and, having not done

so, proceeded to aggressively log one of those areas.

The settlement land includes a significant wetland and is an important link in a network of already preserved lands and adjacent crown lands.

The DCA says that since August 2000, the constant support of the Environmental Dispute Resolution Fund (EDRF) of West Coast Environmental Law Association has been a major factor in sustaining DCA's volunteers through their years of struggle. DCA states that it is also grateful for the excellent representation provided by the three law firms: Olstead & Holekamp; Arvay Findlay; and Underhill, Falkner, Boies Parker. ☞

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