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Subject: Re: Referral Response deadline - Islands Trust new Draft Bylaw No. 183 - Policy Statement
Attachments: Comments regarding the DRAFT Bylaw No 183.docx

Hi,

Please find attached comments from one of the Piers Islanders.

While we have received limited written comments, there is a lot of questions shared informally on the Piers Island and we would welcome a town hall in person format if permitted.

Main concerns overall are related to:

- docks
- seawalls
- GhG targets.

Thanks for all your work on this

Regards

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Comments regarding the DRAFT Bylaw No 183

There are a number of proposed changes that are of a concern. A few are outlined below.

Introducing restrictions to reduce the flexibility and options available to land owners and the community to address issues associated with the growing population and sea rise, seems counter productive.

Having Islands Trust engaged to help address in a consultative way may be a better approach.

For example, Desalinization is a technology used in many parts of the world to address access to fresh water. Even today some islands have water shortages or have sour wells. Years from now desalinization may be warranted in many cases. Why remove that option by a bylaw restriction?

Similarly, sea walls, soft or hard, have a role to play in protecting property and our shore lines. The method used should not be dictated by Islands Trust. Soft armour may not be the most affordable or best option available in all cases. Conventional 'armoured' sea walls still have a place.

The situation should dictate the technology, method or solution.

Island Trust may have an opinion or provide advice; however, I believe all options to an issue should be considered.

Prohibiting options available to solve issues does not make sense.

There are also proposals in the draft that attempt to address issues that appear to be under the jurisdiction of the provincial and federal governments.

Prohibiting or restricting commercial moorage or anchorage sites, the type of vessels transiting through coastal waters is, I believe a federal matter.

Having Islands Trust propose bylaws that are or should be addressed and enforced by other jurisdictions confuses the community and dilutes the focus of resources.