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DELEGATION TO ISLANDS TRUST COUNCIL



TWO MOTIONS PASSED:


That the Trust request the Executive Committee to review the recommendations of Raincoast Conservation Foundation regarding policy reform to protect endangered forests and habitats within the Islands Trust Area and provide recommendations to Trust Council.

- That Islands Trust request the Province enhance the Trust's jurisdiction over tree cutting bylaws to make its jurisdiction equal to that of municipalities under Section 8 of the Community Charter.*





PRESENTATION OVERVIEW

1. Six-month check-in on status of motions passed as a result of our delegation on September 16, 2020
2. Update on our current work
3. Our submission to *Islands 2050: The Future of the Trust Area* public consultation process.



IN THE PAST 6 MONTHS...

		
Pender Islands Big Tree Registry	S'DAYES Flycatcher Forest	Continuing policy & outreach work



SUMMARY OF ISLANDS 2050: THE FUTURE OF THE TRUST AREA TRUST POLICY STATEMENT

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Refine language to better reflect the values and the "preserve and protect" mandate of the Islands Trust.
- Update acknowledgement of Islands Trust Area as the Traditional Territory of Coast Salish Nations.
- Better demonstrate the "priorities and management strategies" established to preserve and protect the environment of the ITA.
- Improve understanding of "limitations of the natural environment" prior to approval of additional development.
- Include experts such as scientists and Traditional Knowledge holders in environmental decision-making.
- Work towards implementation of more actionable Trust-wide environmental policy.
- Better define "sustainable forestry" and explore options for value-added forestry practices within the ITA.
- Consider floor area restrictions and a basal area strategy to replace trees felled for development.
- Implement processes that prevent directive policies from interfering with the Trust object.
- Take steps toward recognizing the rights of nature within the ITA.



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- Squarely address the drivers of the affordable housing shortages in the ITA, such as the rapid increase in STVRs, land speculators, real estate investors, and development projects that contravene the object of the Trust (Currents at Otter Bay, Poets Cove) etc.
 - PEI example

