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Dear Islands Trust, re: MY OBJECTION TO: **Revision of the Islands Trust Policy Statement.**

Let it be known that I, Mary Jean Elliott, a Galiano Island resident and property owner for 42 years, totally reject, oppose, do not support, disagree with many of the revisions proposed in the Islands Trust Policy Statement.

There are too many undemocratic revisions for me to deal with, but one revision, I will try to explain, has me greatly concerned, because I believe the proposed revision is a totally undemocratic Policy Statement.

Example: Section 5.8 and its sub sections of the current Policy Statement that recognizes Provincial Government jurisdiction of environmental protection and community involvement has been changed.

This Section 5.8 has been “revised” by adding Section 3.1.9 Revised (July 15, 2021) Section 3.1.9 has replaced the idea of Provincial Government having any jurisdiction over environmental rules and regulations in the Islands Trust area and also indicates that any actions of the Southern Island people must conform to the Island Trust’s “preserve and protect” mandate. This limits democratic public opinion/participation.

Details of what actions will be taken re rezoning, land use, etc. will be left up to Island Trust Planners to dictate/ inform trustees about bylaw legality, not the opinion of community nor the Province of BC.

The above example is one undemocratic Island Trust Policy Statement Revision.

Do not revise the Islands Trust Policy Statement before the next election and definitely not before the Island people (Residents and Owners) know what the reasoning is behind the revision and some of the possible repercussions that will occur with lively hood and life style on the Southern Gulf Island.

For example: A Possible Repercussion: A Future Bylaw (established according to Policy Statement) - to restrict tree cutting on private property. - Who will count & record the trees on private property, for example, a 10 acre property, & who determines which, how many, what kind, what condition trees are allowed to be cut, if any, & what clean up required, if any & years growth inspection records, etc. ?

Another possible repercussion of this undemocratic Policy Statement revision could be a huge increase in Island Trust taxes.

Sincerely, Mary Jean Elliott, Galiano Island.