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I am very concerned about the proposed new Trust Policy Statement. I support the “Preserve and Protect” philosophy that should be the guiding sentiment for all Trust policies. The proposed TPS does not seem to be guided by this sentiment. The language is weak and missing key elements.

Some examples are:

- **“Environment” should be defined as referring to the natural environment.** Although used throughout the document, this word is not defined in the glossary.
- The current TPS draft identifies only a limited number of ecosystems to protect. Wetlands, riparian areas, **all types of marine ecosystems and forests and all natural ecosystems** should be protected against further degradation and adverse impacts of development.
- Directives outlined in the draft TPS are policies that are should be mandatory. But the draft TPS states that Executive Committee can approve exceptions if “adequate justification” is given. Unless Directives are mandatory, they can be disregarded by any Executive Committee that chooses to do so.
- A Directive is needed to insure that rezoning for more density for affordable housing will **always** include **binding agreements** to insure affordability.
- The TPS draft refers to “managing development”. This language is weak and inadequate. Protecting the islands from over-development requires **limiting growth and development**. Formally recognizing and respecting growth limits is essential to protecting the environment and rural character of the islands trust area.

I do not support the proposed TPS in its current form.

Sincerely,

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