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To Whom it may Concern:

Re: Islands Trust Draft Policy Statement

I have completed the Policy Statement survey and would like to convey my thoughts to Islands Trust representatives. I am very grateful for the detailed work and foresight that has gone into producing this draft document. I find it comprehensive, inclusive and forward thinking. This document reflects the federal, provincial, judicial, and First Nations directives regarding our mutual relationship moving forward. I commend Islands Trust for consultations and inclusion of input from 31 First Nations in a meaningful demonstration of reconciliation. This accomplishment cannot respectfully be altered because settlers may not have the historical and current understanding of this relationship.

Further, the Policy Statement utilizes our current knowledge of projected climate change and scientific predicted impacts. As such, it provides direction in sustainable use of our shared water resources and provides considerations to mitigate anthropogenic impacts on our ecosystems. The Policy Statement reflects contemporary understanding of Islands Trust mandate to preserve and protect by responsibly working towards a future that recognizes everything is interconnected and interdependent. As many First Nations say, All my Relations. This understanding brings with it a responsibility to minimize our footprint and to ensure the lands and waters will be able to provide for future generations of both humans and other life forms.

Thank you for the challenging work and vision of a sustainable future. Please do not capitulate to those that do not have the ability to see what is necessary to preserve and protect the Islands Trust lands and waters.

Joan Johnson

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