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To the Trust.

Please strengthen the draft Policy Statement which is currently under consideration.

In particular, please define the word Environment as *natural environment*.

As a biologist, I have devoted approximately 1.5 years of volunteer time on committees and programs, to the study of lakes and their creeks on Salt Spring Island.

It is clear that these water resources need stronger legislative protection from encroaching development and degradation.

I urge you to put such protection into the renewed Policy Statement.

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