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Subject: Islands Trust Policy Revision

The Honourable Christine Boyle,

I am writing with regard to the current revision of the Trust Policy Statement. As chair of the Fulford Water Commission, I am acutely aware of the fragility of water supply on our islands. Our lakes are already under stress and increasing housing beyond what is already included will only exacerbate the stress on the natural environment.

The current policy statement has served us well for the last 50 years and protected the special Coastal Douglas Fir ecosystem for which our area is recognized. The proposed revisions would open up an increase in market driven housing, described as "attainable" rather than prescribed as "affordable in perpetuity." This has the potential to increase population beyond the capacity of water and sewage management and does not necessarily increase low income and workforce housing.

I am also concerned with a change in wording for Directives, that they "should" rather than "must" be followed, allowing Trustees to ignore them at will.

I am therefore respectfully requesting that you reject this current proposed revision of the Islands Trust Policy Statement.

Sincerely,

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