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**Subject:** Islands Trust Draft Policy Statement

To: Provincial and local government representatives

Please accept my submission regarding Islands Trust Draft Policy Statement.

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Each island to limit development to that which will protect the natural environment and may include limiting public access to fragile areas.

A definition of "environment" is needed to clarify that the intention of the Trust Objective remains firmly focused on protecting the natural environment for the benefit of all British Columbians

The legislated Objective of the Islands Trust Act requires protection of the natural environment and does not include residential development and infrastructure.

The Islands Trust's top priority is protection and preservation of the islands' land and marine ecosystems and unique amenities including rural character.

**Population** – The TPS mandate to be directed at limiting growth not managing it. The natural environment and rural nature of the islands will be compromised if growth is not limited. The Trust was established in 1974 to protect against unrestrained growth and development.

Require each island to produce a report that determines its maximum population if all existing lots are developed and subdivided under the current existing zoning.

Density increases should be only be granted for genuinely affordable and workforce housing, backed by binding housing agreements. These increases must be of a scale appropriate to each island and be contingent upon: adequate siting to retain rural character and minimise traffic; sewage disposal capacity; sufficient water to serve both new and existing developments while protecting the natural environment.

Each island should produce a report setting out with the level of population it can sustainably support. These reports are needed to enhance protection of limited resources such as freshwater,

native ecosystems and each island's rural character.

Require that decisions allowing more intensive use of land and water be guided by independent, up-to-date scientific data, and local knowledge.

**Ecosystem**– Identification of various ecosystems is addressed in directives, however, the draft TPS does not include any specific direction on *how* they are to be protected. The directives should include requiring Development Permit Areas for that purpose.

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