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Dear trust council,

Pender Island, Jan.31, 2026

I'd like to make a few comments regarding the proposed Trust Policy Statement.

Whereas I am glad you have deleted the definition of "environment" from previous drafts, I still would like to see a definition included in the TPS, one that clearly and irrevocably states that we are referring to the natural environment.

Climate change is uppermost on my mind and as such I would like to see stronger policies and enforcement tools regarding watersheds, forests and wetlands. DPA's are great, but only if they are enforceable.

I actually read the TPS before I moved to Pender in 1986 and I liked what I read back then. The intent of the TPS was clearly focused on the environment, biodiversity and rural character. Now more than ever we need to strengthen policies around these issues, not water them down and cloak them in nebulous language.

One crucial factor in achieving a good outcome, in my view, is to limit growth. It has nothing to do with pulling up the drawbridge, but recognizing that finite places like our islands have finite capacities.

Sincerely,

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