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I am out of the country right traveling and unable to find my notes right now but can supply details later if you are interested. The 2050 policy statements are very general and while I don't support all of them and would like to see some changed, for the most part they are fine.

What is missing is the public, at least as far as Gambier is concerned. I just found a quote from a NYC planner who stated that for any planning process to be successful the planners had to have the trust of the public. And trust had to be earned by listening - often hours of listening. She has won awards for her projects by engaging the public. What has been lacking in so much of what The Islands Trust has been doing, has been that public engagement and listening - and being prepared to negotiate. The Islands Trust instead has put forward policies seeking endorsement and this doesn't do it - at all. How do you earn the trust that I believe has been lost? That is another conversation and it can be done, but so far I haven't seen it happening with our Islands Trust. The public has lost faith that they are being represented - instead the Trust is being viewed as a threat.

Regards,
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