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Salt Spring Island, January 31 2026

Re: Draft Islands Trust Policy Statement

To: All Island Trust Council Trustees,

This letter voices my concerns about the draft Policy Statement Amendment Project and the impossible Survey.

The Draft Policy falls vastly short in securing the special mandate of Preserving and Protecting the Trust Area and its unique amenities and environment.

The non committal language used in the draft, specifically regarding the issues of housing, development and protection of the environment is a dangerous departure from the special mandate.

The focus on a continued, and in the draft TPS, widened path to development by diffused by vague non binding guiding principles, goals and policies will further undermine and endanger the already failing fragile ecosystems in many areas of the Trust Area (and beyond). This draft TPS has to be reconsidered with much more securities for the natural environment as a whole and REAL CARE and intent (as expressed in the Acknowledgement, page 2 of the TPS)

We all have to realize that there are limits to growth and development. Once we reach a point where development and population are not in Balance anymore with the surrounding environment, the environment suffers and as apparent in most urban and rural areas where people are settling the natural world is the underdog. This is almost without exception a road of no return for the environment.

Please wake up and hold the Mandate high: Preserve and Protect the Trust Area and its unique amenities and environment now and for future generations.

There is no need to rush this through before October.

Yours sincerely,

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