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Subject: Proposed Changes to the Islands Trust Act

To the islands Trust Council

I am writing to register my opposition to the proposed changes to the Islands Trust Act and to voice my very significant concerns about the whole process of rewriting the legislation.

- the first meeting of the current Council to discuss changes to the legislation was held in camera. Why would the council not want us, the people of the islands, to be aware of and understand significant changes being proposed to the Act?

- the survey, which individuals were encouraged to complete, had an inadequate preamble and no explanation of where it fits in the process of updating the Act. And, in fact, it was extremely difficult to make sense of it.

- nowhere in the information provided was there a page with the current legislation and, beside it on the page, the proposed legislation. It was a long and complicated exercise to figure out the changes.

Hidden in the proposed legislation are a number of changes that turn the Islands Trust area into the same as other rural - or municipal- entities.

These are very disturbing changes, particularly in these times of high property values and low wages compared with the cost of living, not just on our islands. The proposed changes pretend to acknowledge and address this problem, but, in fact, the proposed Act does not acknowledge many issues that are serious at this time.

The proposed legislation must be rejected.

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