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To Whom it may concern,

I am writing to comment on the proposed 2025 Trust Policy Statement -TPS, in the Southern Gulf Islands. In my opinion, it fails to prioritize the preservation and protection of the natural environment and the unique amenities of the Southern Gulf Islands. I also disagree with the proposed additions of housing, tourism, infrastructure and livelihoods to the definition of “Unique amenities”. It upsets me that in this proposed 2025 TPS, the definition of our Environment and our Unique Amenities is not clearly defined.

Housing, tourism, infrastructure and livelihoods are very important subjects. And yet in this 2025 TPS proposal it seems to mostly consider these subjects for human beings while not prioritizing our environment and unique amenities. At this point in time, humans on the Southern Gulf Islands are not a unique amenity. Housing, tourism, infrastructure and livelihoods, are also not a unique amenity.

The Human wants are changing and it seems the proposed changes in the 2025 TPS are based on those wants and it doesn't prioritize the protection and needs of our environment and unique amenities. One easy and specific example is the groundwater situation. This past summer on South Pender, I have run out of groundwater as I have for the past ten years. This summer four of my neighbors also experienced water troubles and I witnessed the water delivery trucks driving through the Spalding valley more than a couple of times.

What does our environment and our unique amenities do when there is no groundwater, how is the trust and our trust policy statement protecting them? How is the trust and the trust policy statement limiting the use of the natural resources needed by the environment and our unique amenities ?

Please consider more research (perhaps build out reports and growth limiting reports and consultation and analyses) for increased knowledge to come up with a TPS proposal to better “manage the expectations of growth, development and local economies without exceeding the capacity of local ecosystems and preserving unspoiled natural amenities.”

The 2021 trust policy statement TPS, that was ready for its first reading in July 2021 is more aligned with my values as a South Pender resident. I would support putting the proposed 2021 TPS back on the table.

While housing, tourism, infrastructure and livelihoods are subjects that are important on the Southern Gulf Islands, the trust has tools to allow the trustees to do their job and deal with some of these issues. With these tools including the Island Trust Variances, (Development Variants Permits DVP or a Board of Variants, BOV) trustees can, working with the local community, consider planning and land use management decisions while fostering sustainable, inclusive and resilient communities and also acknowledging the interdependency between healthy communities and healthy ecosystems for proposed growth or development as they come up.

Having these tools and recognizing the Trust and the trustees’ roles in the Southern Gulf Islands makes the need for a clear, comprehensive Trust Policy Statement very important.

I have gratitude to those who step up into these roles, to protect and maintain all that is involved with these wonderful spaces of the Southern Gulf Islands. While listening to all the voices and opinions of the humans, please also listen especially to the environment and the real unique amenities that the protection and preservation of, is our duty.

Please rewrite the 2025 TPS proposal using the 2021 TPS proposal as a guide, and or work on clearly defining the meaning of the object of the Island Trust that is consistent with the guidance

of the Minister of Municipal Affairs in his letter of April 28, 2025 to the trust council.

Very sincerely,

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