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**Subject:** Islands Trust Policy Statement needs to strengthen the protection of the environment

Dear Trustees,

The new draft policy statement is much too weak given the reality of climate change, summer drought, drinking water quality and quantity, Indigenous rights, and deforestation in a Islands Trust area of rare ecosystems that were to be preserved for the benefit of all in BC. The former policy statement is why I live here and why I and many others have volunteered for decades.

Please be true to the original intention of the formation of our unique government to preserve and protect these islands and the natural capital of ecosystem diversity and beauty. it is necessary to preserve such special places for all and not to submit to forces and money that value development and human activity above all else.

Sincerely,  
Maureen Moore  
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