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Mikaila Lironi *Island Trustee*

It's been a busy month: putting the gardens to bed and feeling like slaves as we harvest and harvest. If I never see an apple again, it would be too soon!

There's been a lot of chat and questions about bylaws and bylaw enforcement. If you have any questions or concerns about the process, please contact Tim or I or better yet ,the Bylaw Enforcement Officer for our area: Warren Dingman 250 405-5196.

I recently attended the biannual Shellfish Aquaculture Management Advisory Committee (SFAMAC) which is a meeting of a variety of government and industry members, The majority of the industry seats are held by farms in Baynes Sound (between Denman and Vancouver Island) with a few from Okeover (near Lund). Diversity is important, so I asked

Sailor's Seafoods if they'd consider being nominated for the vacant industry seat. Their application was accepted, and Brennen Johnson came with me as an industry representative for the Johnson shellfish farm. It was great to have a familiar face and someone who understands the industry so well participate in the meeting with me.

There are more and more rules and regulations governing shellfish aquaculture which is making it very challenging to keep this industry growing. This is unfortunate, as it's one of the least environmentally impactful forms of food production. "[S]hellfish is one of the main cultured aquaculture groups in the world. Hence, the development of shellfish aquaculture has an important role in sustainable food supply and food security" (Food and Agriculture Association)\*. I hope that with my role as the Islands Trust representative on the SFAMAC, I'll be able to have a positive influence promoting small shellfish farming operations.

Hope everyone is keeping warm, Mikaila Lironi

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