



September 5, 2023

Mary Storzer  
Acting Senior Policy Advisor  
Islands Trust

**Sent by Email**

Dear Mary:

**Re: Second Referral – Revised Update to the Islands Trust Policy Statement**

Thank you for providing the opportunity for Ministry of Agriculture and Food (Ministry) staff to comment on the revised update to the Islands Trust Policy Statement (the Statement).

Ministry staff initially provided comments on the Statement on October 19, 2021 and note that the revised Statement has been significantly altered. Specifically, Ministry staff note that many policies have been reworded to identify the outcomes sought from the relevant policies rather than providing specific solutions. Ministry staff are pleased to note that this change in approach has addressed all of the Ministry's previous concerns raised in the October 19, 2021 referral response.

The Ministry appreciates the work that Islands Trust staff have invested in this project and in particular, laud Islands Trust for addressing stakeholder concerns that arose from the original update to the Statement. Ultimately, Ministry staff are confident that the updated Statement provides a positive framework for agricultural producers to continue to operate and prosper within the Islands Trust area.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments from an agricultural perspective with respect to the revised Islands Trust Policy Statement.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Reed Bailey". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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