

# BYLAW REFERRAL FORM RESPONSE SUMMARY

- Approval Recommended for Reasons Outlined Below
- Approval Recommended Subject to Conditions Outlined Below
- Interests Unaffected by Bylaw
- Approval Not Recommended Due to Reason Outlined Below

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Lisa Gauvreau, Chair  
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4. A new General Guiding Principle on climate change adaptation and mitigation should be added.

5. That Goal 3 introduction paragraph include "the health of natural ecosystems" as a high priority.

6. The importance of protecting a minimum of 30% of the land and water in the Trust Area should appear in an appropriate section in the Policy Statement.

7. That Directive Policy 3.4.1 include consideration of the ecological integrity of each island and the ability of the natural ecosystems to support particular developments.

8. Adding a new section, such as a commitment of Trust Council, which includes long-standing advocacy positions such as: no fixed links between Vancouver Island and the islands in the Trust Area (i.e. no bridge policy), the elimination of clear-cut logging of old growth forests, opposition to large vessel anchorages in the Salish Seas and stronger tools for protection of biodiversity.

9. That Advisory Policy 3.5.6 Freshwater Uses be made a Directive Policy.

10. That Directive Policy 3.4.3 be amended to read:

"Consider the impacts on ecosystem services provided by the natural environment and the aesthetic, environmental, and social impacts of development."

11. That the Islands Trust Conservancy considers that policies and principles relating to Trust Council's reconciliation commitments and working towards collaborative governance with Indigenous Governing Bodies [Guiding Principles 2.1.1, 2.1.2, Reconciliation Principles, and Cooperation Principle 2.3.3] are well within the Islands Trust's mandate, jurisdiction and the interest of Islands Trust Conservancy to advance.