

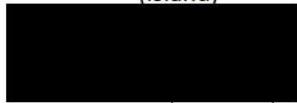
BYLAW REFERRAL FORM RESPONSE SUMMARY

- 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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Islands Trust Area (Islands 2050)

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SSI Local Trust Committee

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Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee Referral Response

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9. Strengthen Policy 3.4.6 – Climate and Natural Hazard Risks to be more anticipatory and future-focused, emphasizing risk avoidance rather than reliance on adaptation alone, and restricting development in areas subject to present and projected climate-related hazards.
10. Add a new advocacy policy in Transportation that recognizes the impacts that BC Ferries has on island communities and encourage BC Ferries to be an active and willing partner in long-term island community planning.

11. Strengthen Freshwater policies by converting advocacy policies into a directive policy that explicitly enables and requires coordination with the Province, regional and improvement districts, First Nations, and other authorities to protect long-term potable water resilience across the Trust Area.

12. Acknowledge Agriculture as a keystone of community planning and resilience. Develop a directive policy that explicitly enables and requires coordination with the Province, the Agricultural Land Commission, regional districts, First Nations, and other authorities to protect long-term agricultural viability and resilience in the Trust Area.

13. Within the implementation plan framework, include an option for a Local Trust Committee or island municipality to prepare a Context Statement that identifies the relationship between an Official Community Plan (OCP) and the guiding principles, goals, and directive and advisory policies of the Trust Policy Statement. The Context Statement should outline how the OCP will be made consistent with the Trust Policy Statement over time and it should be a part of an OCP.

14. Develop and include a clear amendment process for the Trust Policy Statement to ensure it remains current and relevant, including a mechanism that allows any Islands Trust body to request amendments.