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**Subject:** FW: Islands Trust planning referrals contacts

Hi both – the Ministry of Health has confirmed that they are not going to provide comments on the Policy Statement. Please keep this for your engagement record.

I sent emails similar to the ones addressed to HLTH (below) to WLRS, MIRR, ENV, ECS, FOR, and MCM, as those are the ministries you identified as not responding to your August referral. Several people have replied with updated contacts or alternative points of contact for IT bylaws. Once I have all the information, I will provide you with an updated contact list for bylaw referrals. When new contacts are identified, I am also resending your original PS referral email to them and requesting that they either provide a response or confirm that no response will be issued.

Thanks,

**Kelsey-Rae Russell** (she/her)  
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*I am thankful to live and work on the traditional and unceded territories of the x<sup>w</sup>məθk<sup>w</sup>əyəm (Musqueam), Sḵwxwú7mesh (Squamish), and səlilwətaʔ (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations.*

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**Subject:** RE: Islands Trust planning referrals contacts

Hello Kelsey-Rae,

Thank you for your email and for the background information. I am happy to be the contact for Islands Trust public health-related bylaws. I have taken a quick look at the Policy Statement and want to let you

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know that we will not be reviewing/providing comment.

All the best,  
-Lindsay

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*Grateful to be existing - both at work and at home - on the traditional and unceded territories of the Ləkʷəŋən Peoples.*

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**Subject:** RE: Islands Trust planning referrals contacts

Hello Lindsay,

Olivia pointed me towards you as a contact for Islands Trust bylaw referrals to the Ministry of Health.

The Islands Trust Council is currently undertaking a process to amend the [Policy Statement](#), which contains the principles and policies that broadly guide the Islands Trust's work. The Policy Statement also guides the development of Official Community plans and regulatory land-use bylaws. There is more information about it [Islands 2050](#) page.

The Policy Statement received first reading from Islands Trust Council on July 29, 2025, and was subsequently referred to provincial agencies and other stakeholders for comment in fall 2025. The original referral was sent to Olivia, I believe, however it sounds like it should have come to you. I have attached the original email for your reference

Although the formal referral period has closed, the Trust is still accepting responses from provincial agencies. If your agency would like to provide comments on the draft Policy Statement, you may send them to:

- Jason Youmans - [jyoumans@islandstrust.bc.ca](mailto:jyoumans@islandstrust.bc.ca)
- Nadine Mourao - [nmourao@islandstrust.bc.ca](mailto:nmourao@islandstrust.bc.ca)

There is no requirement to submit comments, though both the Islands Trust and HMA staff appreciate when agencies confirm that they have no comments.

Please let me know if you have questions or concerns.

Thank you,

**Kelsey-Rae Russell (she/her)**

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