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**Subject:** FW: Bylaw Referral - Trust Council Bylaw 183 Policy Statement

Comox Valley Regional District referral response

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**Subject:** [BULK] RE: Bylaw Referral - Trust Council Bylaw 183 Policy Statement

Hi Jason,

The Comox Valley Regional District staff have completed a review of the proposed policy statement relative to the CVRD and our jurisdiction, and do not have any concerns.

Kind regards,

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*The CVRD respectfully acknowledges the land on which it operates is on the unceded traditional territory of the K'ómoks First Nation, the traditional keepers of this land.*

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Greetings Comox Valley RD Planning Staff,

I am writing to follow up on Islands Trust's referral of Islands Trust Policy Statement Bylaw No. 183.

Section 15(3) of the [Islands Trust Act](#) requires Islands Trust Council to refer proposed amendments to the Policy Statement to all regional districts whose jurisdiction overlaps the Islands Trust Area.

**(3) Between first and second readings of a bylaw under subsection (1), the trust council must refer the proposed trust policy statement to the board of each regional district, all or part of which is in the trust area, for review and comment by the board.**

Because the Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs must approve any amendments to the Policy Statement, the ministry will be keen to know what, if any, questions or concerns have been raised by regional districts.

So far, we have heard back from five of the seven regional districts that are in the Islands Trust Area, CVRD being among the two that we have not received a response from.

I am writing to enquire whether we can expect a referral response to the proposed new Islands Trust Policy Statement from CVRD, and, if so, when we can expect to receive it?

Islands Trust staff hope to be able to report to our Trust Council in May with a summary of all feedback collected from the referral process.

Please let me know if you have any questions about this bylaw referral or the Policy Statement more generally.

Best,

Jason

**Jason Youmans**

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FW: Bylaw Referral - Trust Council Bylaw 183 Policy Statement

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## Preserving and protecting over 450 islands and surrounding waters in the Salish Sea

*I am humbly thankful to live and work in the treaty lands and territories of the BOKÉCEN, K'ómoks, Lək'wəŋən, Lyackson, MÁLEXET, Qualicum, Quw'utsun Tribes, scəwáθən məsteyəxʷ, Scia'new, səllwətəʔ, SEMYOME, shishálh, Skwxwú7mesh, Snaw-naw-as, Snuneymuxw, Spune'luxutth, STÁUTW, Stz'uminus, ʔaʔəmen, toq qaymíxʷ, Ts'uubaa-asatx, Wei Wai Kum, We Wai Kai, WJOLELP, WSIKEM, Xeláltxw, Xwémalhkwu/ʔop qaymíxʷ, and xʷməθkʷəy̓əm.*

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**Subject:** Bylaw Referral - Trust Council Bylaw 183 Policy Statement - For Response by October 10, 2025

Dear Referral Coordinator(s),

We are reaching out to seek feedback from provincial and federal government agencies, Indigenous Governing Bodies, local trust committees and Bowen Island Municipality, school districts, regional districts, and improvement districts on the proposed Islands Trust Policy Statement, which was given first reading by Islands Trust Council on July 29, 2025.

The Islands Trust Policy Statement is a document required by Provincial legislation to be a general statement of the policies of the Islands Trust Council to carry out the [object](#) (mandate) of the Islands Trust. The proposed Policy Statement sets out Islands Trust Council's proposed principles and policy framework for planning and land use management within the lands and waters of the Island Trust Area. The Policy Statement guides the development of the official community plans and land use bylaws of local trust committees and Bowen Island Municipality, and the development of Trust Council's Strategic Plan. It is not a set of regulations that apply to land in the Islands Trust Area.

First reading of the Policy Statement bylaw followed a year of meetings by Islands Trust Council's Committee of the Whole and Trust Programs Committee, where the draft bylaw was reviewed and revised to address feedback received from Indigenous Governing Bodies, island residents, Islands Trust staff, legal counsel, and government agencies over the course of the project. Work on a new Islands Trust Policy Statement has been ongoing since 2019.

Please visit the Islands [2050 project webpage](#) for full project background information, including frequently asked questions.

Your organization may have provided a response when a previous draft of the new Policy Statement was referred out for comment in 2021. Since then, the document has been substantially revised and is now being referred out anew. If you would like to review a copy of your organization's response to the 2021 referral, please see the agency referral section of the project library on the [Islands 2050 project webpage](#).

Your informed response is important to this process and will support the Islands Trust Council in delivering the Islands Trust's provincially-mandated object "to preserve and protect the trust area and its unique amenities and environment for the benefit of the residents of the trust area and of British Columbia generally, in cooperation with municipalities, regional districts, improvement districts, First Nations, other persons and organizations and the government of British Columbia."

### **Agencies Information Session Webinars**

Islands Trust will host two Zoom webinars for referral agencies to provide information about the proposed Policy Statement bylaw and to offer an opportunity for questions and answers.

**Please register in advance for one of the two sessions:**

- **Friday, September 5, 2025**, from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. – [Register here](#)
- **Monday, September 8, 2025**, from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. – [Register here](#)

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email with details on how to join the webinar.

### **Your response to this referral is respectfully requested:**

Attached to this email is a bylaw referral package that includes our referral form and the proposed Policy Statement bylaw. Project information can be found on our website here: <https://islandstrust.bc.ca/programs/islands-2050/>.

We understand that there are numerous demands on your time, however, we genuinely welcome any comments you may have. Your referral response to this proposed bylaw is respectfully requested by **October 10, 2025**. Referral responses will be provided to Islands Trust Council for its consideration, and publicly posted to the project webpage.

Should you have any questions or require further information, please contact Jason Youmans at [jyoumans@islandstrust.bc.ca](mailto:jyoumans@islandstrust.bc.ca) or at 250-405-5177.

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Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Respectfully,

**Nadine Mourao**

Legislative Clerk / Deputy Secretary (she, her, hers)

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### **Preserving and protecting over 450 islands and surrounding waters in the Salish Sea**

*I respectfully acknowledge that the Islands Trust Area is located within the treaty lands and territories of the BOKÉĆEN, Cowichan Tribes, K'ómoks, Lyackson, MÁLEXEŁ, Qualicum, scəwəθən, səlilwətəʔ, SEMYOME, shíshálh, Sḡwxwú7mesh, Snaw-naw-as, Snuneymuxw, Songhees, Spune'luxutth', SḤÁUTW, Stz'uminus, ʔəʔəmen, Ts'uubaa-asatx, Wei Wai Kum, We Wai Kai, WJOŁEŁP, WŚIKEM, Xelátxw, Xwémalhkwu, Xwsepsum, and xʷməθkʷəy̓əm First Nations. Islands Trust is committed to reconciliation and to working together to preserve and protect this ecologically, culturally, and spiritually significant region in the Salish Sea.*