



October 23, 2025

David Marlor, Secretary  
Islands Trust  
200 – 1627 Fort Street  
Victoria, BC V8R 1H8

Via Email: <mailto:islands2050@islandstrust.bc.ca>

**Re: Referral of Islands Trust Policy Statement**

Dear Mr. Marlor:

I am writing with regards to the Islands Trust Policy Statement referred to the Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN) on August 6, 2025 (Attachment 1).

With regards to this referral, the RDN Board passed a resolution at its regular meeting on October 14, 2025 (Attachment 2).

Further to the above-noted resolution, we are supportive of the direction of the Islands Trust Policy Statement and request that it include references to consultation with regional districts that provide services which may be affected by Islands Trust policies.

If you should have any questions or wish to discuss this above further, please feel free to contact me, or Mark McMullen, Manager of Long Range Planning, Energy & Sustainability at [mmcmullen@rdn.bc.ca](mailto:mmcmullen@rdn.bc.ca) or 250-390-6531.

Sincerely,

  
Lisa Grant, General Manager, Development & Emergency Services  
Regional District of Nanaimo  
T: 250-390-6500 | Email: [lgrant@rdn.bc.ca](mailto:lgrant@rdn.bc.ca)

Encl.

Attachment 1: Referral from Islands Trust, August 6, 2025  
Attachment 2: RDN Board Resolution, October 14, 2025

cc:

Electoral Area Directors of the Board, RDN  
Doug Holmes, Chief Administrative Officer, RDN  
Mark McMullen, Manager of Long Range Planning, Energy & Sustainability, RDN



## ISLANDS TRUST POLICY STATEMENT BYLAW REFERRAL FORM

Island: Islands Trust Area Bylaw No.: TC 183 Date: August 6, 2025

You are requested to comment on the attached Bylaw for potential effect on your agency's interests. We would appreciate your response within 60 days. If no response is received within that time, it will be assumed that your agency's interests are unaffected.

### PURPOSE OF BYLAW:

The Islands Trust Act requires that Islands Trust Council adopt a Policy Statement. The current Policy Statement has not been substantively updated in over 30 years. The purpose of this bylaw is to update the Policy Statement through the lenses of reconciliation, climate change, and affordable housing.

### GENERAL LOCATION:

The Islands Trust Policy Statement is a general policy that applies to all of the Islands Trust Area, including Bowen Island. For a map of the Islands Trust Area, please visit: <https://islandstrust.bc.ca/mapping-resources/mapping/>

### YOUR RESPONSE IS RESPECTFULLY REQUESTED:

Your response to this referral will help to ensure that the Policy Statement advances the mandate of the Islands Trust, in cooperation with the Province, other agencies and Indigenous Governing Bodies. The Islands Trust Policy Statement requires the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing if it is to be used by Islands Trust Executive Committee and Trust Council to evaluate and approve bylaws submitted by local trust committees and island municipalities.

The proposed new Policy Statement contains policies that may affect your agency's interests. We would encourage you to review the [Islands 2050 project webpage](#) for additional information about the Policy Statement Amendment Project, including an FAQ.

Please return the response form to [islands2050@islandstrust.bc.ca](mailto:islands2050@islandstrust.bc.ca)

### OTHER INFORMATION:

For more information on the Islands 2050 Policy Statement Amendment Project, including the draft Policy Statement: <https://islandstrust.bc.ca/programs/islands-2050/>

Please fill out the Response Summary on the back of this form. If your agency's interests are "Unaffected", no further information is necessary. In all other cases, we would appreciate receiving additional information to substantiate your response and, if necessary, outline any conditions related to that response. Please note any legislation or official government policy that would affect our consideration of this Bylaw.

(Signature)

Name: David Marlor

Title: Secretary, Islands Trust

This referral has been sent to the following agencies:

#### Federal Agencies

Environment and Climate Change Canada  
 Fisheries & Oceans, Canada (Fish Protection and Aquaculture - Pacific Region)  
 Transport Canada  
 Parks Canada

#### Regional Agencies

Capital Regional District  
 Comox Valley Regional District  
 Cowichan Valley Regional District  
 Metro Vancouver Regional District  
 Nanaimo Regional District  
 qathet Regional District  
 Sunshine Coast Regional District

#### School District Boards

School District No. 45 (West Vancouver – Gambier)  
 School District No. 46 (Gambier)  
 School District No. 64 (Gulf Islands: Galiano, Mayne, North Pender, South Pender, Salt Spring, Saturna)  
 School District No. 68 (Gabriola/Ballenas Winchelsea)  
 School District No. 69 (Lasqueti/Ballenas Winchelsea)  
 School District No. 71 (Denman/Hornby)  
 School District No. 79 (Thetis)

# 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

See attached letter from the Regional District of Nanaimo.

Islands Trust Area (Islands 2050)

(Island)

TC 183

(Bylaw Number)

(Signature)

(Printed Name and Title)

(Date)

(Agency)



REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO

Excerpt from Minutes

**Referral of the Islands Trust Policy Statement**

It was moved and seconded:

1. That the report entitled "Referral of the Islands Trust Policy Statement" dated October 14, 2025, be received for information.
2. That a letter be sent to the Islands Trust advising that the Regional District of Nanaimo Board is supportive of the policy directions within the Island Trust Policy Statement.
3. That this letter request that the Islands Trust Policy Statement include the need for consultation with regional districts when new and amended policies and bylaws are developed by the Islands Trust that relate to building inspection, community parks regional parks and trails, and other services provided by regional districts.

Opposed (2): Director Stanley, and Director Brown

CARRIED

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of a resolution passed by the Board of the Regional District of Nanaimo at its Board Meeting held October 14, 2025.

DATED at Nanaimo, BC     )  
 this 21<sup>st</sup> day                 )  
 of October, 2025.            )

  
 Jacquie Hill  
 Corporate Officer