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Subject: Enhance Islands Trust's Jurisdiction Over Tree Cutting

Dear Sir,

I support Peter Luckham, Chair of the Islands Trust Council in his request to strengthen Islands Trust's ability to respond effectively to the activities that are contributing to climate change in the Trust Area. There is an urgent need for regulations for ethical and sustainable forest management practices to prevent clearcutting of sensitive forest eco-systems, in the entire province and certainly on the island on which I live, Gabriola. I applaud Islands Trust for recognizing that protection of the sensitive forest eco-system should be their top priority and taking steps to mitigate climate change.

I hope that the government can take immediate steps to help our officials become more effective at dealing with this urgent crisis.

Regards,

Diana Owens, Resident of Gabriola Island