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To: Islands2050
Subject: 2050-Extreme noise pollution on the rise!

Dear Trust,

I wish to add input to the 2050 plan.

We have the privilege to live on the ocean front in NW SSI. Over the last few years the increasing numbers and size of freighters anchoring here have seriously degraded our way of life. Our doctor says our stress hormones and glucose levels have risen due to sleep constantly broken by 24/7 generators tearing through our home like a giant buzzsaw along with the searing cacophony of anchor chains being dropped in the middle of the night. The extremely bright lights and late night repairs also disrupt our sleep despite expensive blinds and ear plugs. Moreover these ships visibly pollute the water we swim in, the air we breath and the noise is destructive to many species of marine animals and birds.

A VAS Vessel Arrival System in the Vancouver Port would eliminate the need to keep stacking up more freighters and eventually tankers too in our neighborhood. We moved here 6 years ago to enjoy retirement in a quite and protected place. No one would be allowed to build a large factory in our residential neighborhood, yet huge commercial ships are allowed to park for days, weeks and even a month less than a mile off shore. Something must be done to protect the marine life and the health of residents here and on other Gulf Islands suffering this conversion of our formerly peaceful waters into floating factory parking lots. Anchors often drag in winds and there was a recent collision. An oil spill with very long response time available to contain it seems inevitable. These ships are like a gun pointed at all our heads, just waiting to go off some das with widespread destruction of these precious Island seas and shores.

Thank you for consideration of including this issue to: *remove freighter anchorages from the Gulf Islands.*

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