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To whom it may concern,

My wife and I moved to the Mayne Island five years (land owners for three years) ago this fall and we've been working hard about 7 days a week building our marine contracting business Life Aquatic Marine Endeavors INC.

We provide underwater services ranging from boat cleaning, zinc replacements, mooring installation, inspection, maintenance and repair and dock inspections and repairs.

We've been collaborating with very experienced outfits like Trotac Marine in Victoria and Envirofloat in Sidney who've helped us greatly with engineered blue-prints when it comes to mooring systems and docks.

Shutting down new docks on private properties wouldn't affect us directly at the moment since we don't have the capacity to install new wharfs with ramps etc. (yet), but we do have the capacity to replace aging docks and to discard of the old ones safely.

If new docks wouldn't be permitted any longer our business would experience damage at least on the long run, while it must be devastating to the larger outfits in the area with dock building as their core business.

Also our dream to one day build the whole way from someone's yard down to the water would be destroyed. we've been involved with surveys for the General Application and the process appears heavily regulated the way it is already taking up to 2 years to approval of a wharf installation.

Mayne Island doesn't have the public wharf facilities that could actually meet the demand of the number of private vessels out there in the summer and I doubt that the Anson Road dock (Horton Bay) will compensate that sufficiently.

Mayne Island didn't have a professional marine contractor / diving business in the past, now it does, through us.

I know that we've significantly reduced the number of people going out there dropping their own DIY moorings, instead they hire us to do it right from the start or they hire us to upgrade them to top-of-the-line (pun intended) standard.

We do our due diligence in all the work we do to help protect the environment, while making sure recreational boats can be moored safely with minimizing the footprint per mooring for ex through pyramid-shape 1000lbs concrete block design: mud builds around the base and locks the anchor into the ocean floor, the base of this anchor type is only apx 3 square feet while it can hold most recreational power- and sailboats.

I put in several hundred scuba dives per year and I guarantee you eel-grass grows only to about 20 ft. Depth so closing deeper areas off for dropping moorings seems excessive. Why not closing it for anchoring (to avoid dragging through the sand) but allowing small moorings blocks to accommodate local boaters?

I hope the islands trustees and the politicians representing this beautiful area can be considerate enough to understand that each island is unique and needs to be governed locally instead of pushing a political train-wreck through that will potentially not just cripple our island economically but also undermine it's individual spirit, agriculture and forestry.

I request a pause to the rushing to the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading and that the Islands Trust undertake impact assessments, and engage in meaningful and effective public consultation with all affected residents business- and property owners, prior to making any changes.

Thanks,

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