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This is information summarized from the new 48-page Island Trust Policy as well as the Reconciliation Action Plan and Reconciliation Report.

Addition sources are from Pender Island Farmers Institute, Salt Spring Island Land Use, and Saturna Island Ratepayers & Residents Association Board Members.

In short what they are proposing is effectively stripping away individual rights you have as a property owner or resident with new bylaws basically giving complete control over to a new centralized governing body. This policy has been rushed through without the proper public consultation. The vagueness of what they are proposing lays the foundation of future bylaws with far more severe consequences. Though they are purposefully general in what is outlined, through closer examination we can accurately identify a few key components. Practically what this means for you as a property, or home owner, renter, landlord, or business owner is the following:

- Centralization to more regionally-based land use planning, a reduction in Local Trust Committee discretion, and elimination of the uniqueness of each island.
- Removal of residents, local economy and community health and well-being as planning considerations on the Islands.
- Removal of agriculture and forestry as traditional and valuable activities on the Islands.
- Prohibition of private docks except for water access only properties.
- A ban on desalination as a means of providing potable water. (most likely home sized)
- Potential rezoning of private property into a new category, including existing residential and commercial.
- New declaration of culturally significant sites including, but not limited to existing private property.
- New assessment of all short term vacation rentals and tighter regulation or complete elimination in certain 'high density areas'.

- Complete authority in any residential or commercial development, including limiting floor square footage.
- Restriction and regulation on farming practices, as well as ownership of all soil, mineral, and water rights.
- Potential rerouting of roads, pathways, and bike lanes if they interfere with culturally significant sites.
- Prohibition to disturb or remove any existing wetlands, including those found on agricultural properties.
- Right to protect unfragmented forest ecosystems (vaguely defined) against damage done by growth, development or land use.
- Right to regulate tree cutting of any kind within the Trust area.
- Prohibition of the construction of any hard shoreline armouring, irrespective of erosion.
- Bylaws that promote 'low-carbon' housing, buildings, transportation & agriculture (will this eventually prohibit wood burning stoves because of carbon emissions?)
- Prohibition of moorage or anchorage in certain areas.

The following are more specifics included in their 4 year plan, separate from the new Policy.

- A process to implement cultural, naming and recognition within the Islands Trust Area, including: signage, covenant area pathways and signage place names, plaques and wayfinding, use of language and language revitalization.
- New processes in place to review building permits and providing applicants with information on archaeological data and chance find protocols, review of engagement processes for Official Community Plans and bylaw changes
- Review of archaeological data to review registered and potential sites on all applications (potentially on your property)
- Provide applicants with the "Islands Trust Chance Find Protocol" for all applicants with potential sites on a private property and provide applicants with notification of proximity to potential and registered sites on a property
- Provide planners and staff with knowledge about impacts to and legal requirements to protect archaeological sites.

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