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Subject: IT New Policy June 8

Dear Islands Trust

We are writing to express strong objection to the rushing of the First Reading of the new policy statement of the Islands Trust (first reading to be July 8, 2021).

We have been property owners on Pender Island since 2014. Our family has owned property on Pender island since about 1952 and family members have made many generous contributions (time, talent and financial) to our Pender Island community, including donating 3 large cedar logs used in constructing the Community Center. Family Properties have been managed with environmental integrity in mind.

With regards to the proposed new policy statement, we have not been informed or consulted. We first became aware of the proposed new policy on June 17th 2021 through other concerned Gulf Islands citizens.

To my knowledge, there has been no transparency or consultation by the Islands Trust with owners and residents with regards to the new policy.

We strongly object to some of the proposed policy and we know that the implementation of the policy as we understand it, will negatively impact our management and enjoyment of our properties and will negatively affect our adult children and grandchildren as well.

Prior to proposing and initiating a policy statement that affects the Gulf Islands, the Islands Trust needs to follow due process. Specifically, the Islands Trusts needs to go through a planning phase and consult with the general public and all private land owners and associated businesses that could be negatively affected. To do otherwise is an abuse of administrative process and has the potential to affect island people (their goals, plans and livelihoods) in a very negative way.

When assessing environmental impacts, policies cannot override the land owners' ability to protect the integrity of their property.

Land owners need to be given a prime role in policy development and this process should not be rushed. We request a stop to the 1st Reading of this policy and request that the Islands Trust implement a fair process of consultation then develops proposed policy that implements the input from the consultation.

Sincerely

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