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**Cc:** Kate-Louise Stamford; Dan Rogers; Sue Ellen Fast  
**Subject:** Islands 2050 updated policy statement

Dear Islands Trustees,

The revisions to the Islands Trust Policy Statement come at a very good time as we near the conclusion of our initiative for Átl'ka7tsem/Howe Sound to be designated by UNESCO as Canada's nineteenth Biosphere Region. The Preserve and Protect mandate of the Islands Trust is a key feature highlighted in our nomination documentation. There is much alignment with the statements in the updated policy statement and the objectives of Biosphere Regions, each strives to strike a balance between nature and people.

While still in draft, the updated statement reflects the most important and pressing issues, particularly climate change. The Islands Trust passed a Climate Emergency and there is no time for further procrastination or delay in updating the policy statement in this regard.

With Canada and British Columbia moving to implement recommendations from the Truth and Reconciliation report in support of UNDRIP, it is very timely for the Island's Trust statement to be reflective of its relations with First Nations.

We have been following the process and applaud the Islands Trust staff on their outreach and engagement to date. We strongly urge Trustees to pass the first reading of the Bylaw to move forward with the discussion and continued engagement.

Sincerely,  
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