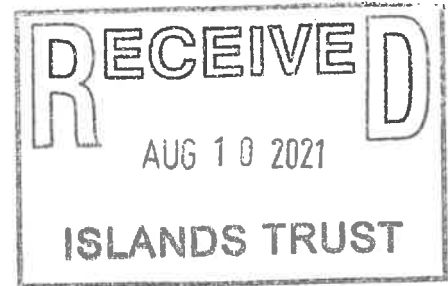


**THE SALT SPRING ISLAND TRUST COMMITTEE.**

**Mr. Grove.  
Ms. Patrick.  
Mr. Luckham.  
Cc All Islands Trust Committee Members.**



**Ladies And Gentlemen.**

**I and 88 of my family on Salt Spring Island have formed a SOCIETY with a commitment to protect our families interests on Salt Spring Island.**

**I spoke at the Trust Council meeting informing the Council that as indigenous persons we had not been consulted on the proposed changes to the Islands Trust Policy Statement.**

**A few weeks ago, I requested a meeting with the Salt Spring Island Trust Committee members to make known our concerns. No response has been received.**

**Some of the issues that need clarifying are as follows.**

**1. Science demonstrates that on Salt Spring Island carbon capture far exceeds any loss resulting from tree harvesting yet the Islands Trust has a stated goal of managing an industry that they do not understand. My family I and my progeny have been foresters for 180 years. The proposed policy threatens my livelihood and the future of my children to prosper in harvesting the forest. I want clarity from the Islands Trust as to how they propose to compensate those affected by new Trust forestry policy.**

**2. The indigenous population have a right to continue to live and work under their own legal system on reserve lands. Legal opinion indicates that indigenous people have the same rights on land that they have purchased under the fee simple system.**

**The Indigenous population living under the Islands Trust umbrella want assurances that their rights are upheld and not subjected to the burgeoning interference by the Islands Trust Bylaw Compliance & Enforcement.**

**Sincerely,  
Daniel Odonnell.**

