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Subject: PFLA Submission to Islands Trust DRAFT new Policy Statement
Attachments: PFLA Submission to Islands Trust Policy Statement Review_Public Engagement_083021.pdf

Dear Miss Steeves,

Please see the attached Private Forest Landowners Association (PFLA) submission in response to the Islands Trust August 20, 2021 announcement "Public engagement plan in development: More opportunities for community input on DRAFT new Policy Statement planned".

Additional recipients of this letter are:

- Hon. Katrine Conroy, Minister Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development
- Islands Trust 2050
- Peter Luckham, Chair, Islands Trust Council
- Russ Hotsenpiller, CAO, Islands Trust

Sincerely,
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Re. Private Forest Land Owners Association Submission to Islands Trust *DRAFT new Policy Statement*

Dear Miss Steeves,

This Private Forest Landowners Association (PFLA) submission is in response to the Islands Trust August 20, 2021 announcement “Public engagement plan in development: More opportunities for community input on DRAFT new Policy Statement planned”.

The PFLA’s primary concern with the Islands Trust *DRAFT new Policy Statement* is its general lack of acknowledgement of the jurisdiction of the Managed Forest Program.

As a reminder, Managed Forest Land is a BC Assessment property classification (Class 7) established in 1988 to encourage private landowners in British Columbia to manage their lands for long-term forest production. The Managed Forest Program is the jurisdiction of the Province of British Columbia, specifically the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development under the Private Managed Forest Land Act.

Private managed forest landowners are thoroughly regulated and are subject not only to the Private Managed Forest Land Act but an additional 35 Acts and Regulations including the Water Sustainability Act, Drinking Water Protection Act, Environmental Management Act, Wildlife Act, Wildfire Act, Assessment Act, and the federal Migratory Birds Convention Act, Fisheries Act and Species at Risk Act.

The lack of recognition of the jurisdiction of the Managed Forest Program by the Islands Trust in its *DRAFT new Policy Statement* would affect a significant number of private landowners who reside in the Islands Trust area - approximately 30% of the PFLA’s 287 unique members. Many of those members are smaller land holders who have managed forests on their family lands for multiple generations.

Like BC's Farm Class, designed to incentivize long term food production, Class 7 Managed Forest Lands in BC are a commitment to long term stewardship of private land forests. We ask that the Islands Trust *DRAFT new Policy Statement* recognize the jurisdiction of the Managed Forest Program by the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development under the Private Managed Forest Land Act.

Sincerely,



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