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**Cc:** Jeanine Dodds  
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Thank you Mike, have forwarded to Islands 2050 for inclusion.

Dave

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 13, 2021 10:32 AM  
**To:** Jeanine Dodds; David Maude  
**Subject:** Proposed Islands Trust Policy Statement

Good morning Jeanine and David,  
Attached is a letter with my comments regarding the proposed Islands Trust Policy Statement.  
Thank you for the opportunity to voice my opinion.

Regards, Mike Sywulich

## ISLANDS TRUST PROPOSED POLICY STATEMENT

Jeanine Dodds,  
David Maude  
Mayne Island, Islands Trust

September 13, 2021

Dear Jeanine and David,

This is the second letter I've written on the subject of the proposed Islands Trust Policy Statement. Based on the meetings I've attended, I have decided to respond in more detail and on more of the content.

4.1.13:

I am concerned that the development of standards will infringe on and restrict the ability of residents to use wood for heating purposes. Many seniors in the Gulf Islands rely on the burning of wood for heat as it is cheaper than using electricity.

4.2.5 and 4.2.9:

I reject this statement regarding desalination plants. In future, it may be necessary to turn to desalination plants for fresh water in the Gulf Islands as our aquifers become depleted. It doesn't appear to me that this issue has been studied enough to make this kind of outright rejection.

4.3.3 and 4.3.5 and 4.3.9:

B.C. already has a Ministry of Lands and Forests who are responsible for overseeing the logging of forests. Is the Islands Trust disputing the right of the Ministry to control Tree Farm Licences and timber Sales? What about the private landowner who wishes to remove timber on his/her acreage? What about small landowners who need to remove dangerous trees or clear a property to build a house on?

4.6.7 and 4.6.14:

I do not agree with the objective of eliminating the building of new private docks. There already is a government process in place to deal with dock approvals. It takes several years for landowners to obtain approval for a new dock while investigations are done to ensure building of a dock in certain locations is appropriate. If the intent is to improve the methods for scrutinizing locations for new docks, then say so.

4.6.7 and 4.6.18:

The map on page 7 shows waters within the Islands Trust Area to include up to the Lions Gate bridge. This means that oil tankers currently leaving Burnaby are already transiting through Trust Area Waters. Consequently the statement "oil tankers not be permitted to transit through Trust Area Waters" shuts down the Burnaby facility. Statements like these should not be made when it is an impossibility. If the intent is to eliminate oil tankers from transiting through Plumper Sound or the Trincomali, then say so.

4.6.17:

The Federal Government has already created Rockfish Conservation Areas around the Gulf Islands. It seems this issue is taken care of and doesn't need the assistance of the Islands Trust.

4.6.18:

Agree. It has taken far too long for any level of government to deal with the issue of derelict boats and miscellaneous gear polluting our waters.

6.3.7:

On Mayne Island, the location, building and maintenance of the helipad is the responsibility of the Mayne Island Improvement District. Is the Islands Trust infringing on areas that are already recognized as the responsibility of others?

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed policy statement.

Regards,

Mike Sywulich  
Mayne Island, B.C.

