

Attached are the first 500 signatures on this petition to the Islands Trust Council regarding the Trust Policy Statement.

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Help Save the Gulf Islands!

The Gulf Islands, one of British Columbia's natural wonders, are in crisis due to over-development, deforestation, freshwater depletion, pollution, foreshore degradation and climate change. Hope that the islands will survive as a rural area, distinct from the urban centres that surround them, is fading fast as people-pressure mounts and the health of both land and marine ecosystems deteriorates.

The Islands Trust, the unique local government created by the BC legislature in 1974 to stop unrestrained development and protect the islands for ALL British Columbians, continues to approve more development despite widespread water shortages, repeated warnings of unsustainability, and a large number of yet-to-be-developed lots throughout the archipelago.

Trust Council, the political branch of the Islands Trust, is currently amending its Policy Statement, the document that is supposed to protect the islands into the future. Unfortunately, the new draft document is full of contradictions, conflicting objectives, and escape clauses. Most notably, it no longer makes environmental protection a top priority; social, economic and environmental goals are on an equal footing, just like in any unprotected area.

Please support our vision for the Gulf Islands by signing the petition.

AN ENVIRONMENT-FIRST PETITION TO THE ISLANDS TRUST COUNCIL

We request that the Trust Policy Statement effectively implement the following policies:

- **That the Islands Trust's top priority is to protect the natural environment of the islands and surrounding waters, and to preserve rural character.**
- **That no further rezoning be allowed in areas where overall ecosystem health is threatened, or where the quantity or quality of freshwater supplies for already-approved development may be adversely affected.**
- **That all decisions relating to more intensive use of land and water be guided by independent, up-to-date scientific data and traditional Indigenous practices.**

							Thankyou. This is long overdue. The urbanization of the islands is destroying our ecosystems and drying up our groundwater water supply. We ask the Trust to reinstate their original mandate and to do their job.	Gabriola
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							preservation of the Gulf Islands rural character is top priority. Upholding the bylaws to protect the Islands unique presence in BC remains as essential now and in the future as it was in 1974 when the Islands Trust was created.	SSI
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	Our trustees are striving to do all that is listed on the petition.	S Pender						
	DESIRE, ASK, BELIEVE, RECEIVE	several						

						<p>Islands Trust needs to do all it can to help preserve and protect (as in their original mandate) the unique nature of the islands trust before any further over-development can occur. We are in a critical state of what is fast becoming out of control development: in terms of land-use, water shortages, ridiculous and dangerous ferry line-ups, ecosystem degradation, and the very essence of what it was, and should continue to be, a unique and precious Gulf Island life-style. This is the time to put a halt to over-development, even if it means creating new guidelines, rules and by-laws. Preserve and protect!</p>
						<p>I have seen this coming for a long time. Born and raised coastal BC, I am old enough to recall the horrifying development that led to the creation of the Islands Trust in the first place. And it stopped that development. The Trust mandate must be returned to one that excludes supporting human activities not in direct alignment with preserving and protecting the ecosystems and biodiversity so as to always privilege the well-being of the complexity of water(s), forests, species. Ensure NO member of the Trust has any connection to or affinity for property developers or realtors. Place an embargo on ALL speculative property deals, and any foreign ownership. Rely on arms length science, not planners, not realtors, not the government that cashes in on that exploitive activity, placing it direct conflict of interest. And once that is carved in stone in perpetuity, give the Trust real teeth to enforce.</p>
						<p>The degradation of Pender Island continues. This is not the rural and natural environment I first saw thirty years ago. End the luxury big homes and clear cutting associated with them.</p>
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						<p>The Gulf Islands should be a park. Developers and residents who cut down trees should replace them with a native to B.C tree or trees.</p> <p>You can't improve these Islands cause they have their own natural beauty.</p>	Gabriola
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						Mudge Island.	Gabriola
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						<p>New development must be sustainable development. Look at existing development and make it sustainable. No compromise to ecosystems.</p>	
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						<p>I live in Nanaimo, Vancouver Island. All these islands are in my back yard and their environment and over-development are a concern for me.</p>	

		My family has lived on Gabriola since [redacted], that is for [redacted] years.	Gabriola
		I am a long term resident of Gabriola Island.	Gabriola
			Galiano
		Sailed the Gulf Islands years ago. So Beautiful.	
			Galiano
			N Pender
		We have had 2 votes on Salt Spring regarding incorporation. Both votes failed to pass because residents wanted the Islands Trust to maintain the Preserve and Protect mandate. The Trustees are betraying the intent of the Trust mandate and betraying the wishes of the voters in favour of developers, investors, those who aspire to move to Salt Spring to avoid urban congestion and tourists. NOT the majority of Island residents.	
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		Thanks 50 years visiting and now part time living on Salt Spring	SSI
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						<p>The Islands Trust was formed to stop unrestrained development and prevent environmental degradation of the Gulf Islands, which are a special resource for all British Columbians. I find it distasteful and underhanded for the Council to be neutering that mandate by manipulating its primary environmental priority by lifting economics and social goals.</p>	<p>SSI</p>
						<p>I'm a native of Victoria BC currently living in NL. Salt Spring Island is a big part of my childhood. Would hate to see over-development turn this jewel into some sort of wealthy person's "gated" community!</p>	<p>SSI</p>
						<p>Salt Spring island's ecosystems have long been in failing condition. This is clear evidence that activities on the island are not sustainable at the current population/activity level. Water is in short supply, biodiversity is compromised and in decline, forest habitat is fragmented and diminished, and the rural character is rapidly being lost. This is all contrary to the intension of the Trust Act. Our trustees, over the years have failed to keep to their charge. They have by and large not been up to the job. We are in the process of bringing out a preliminary report on the health of Salt Spring Island's ecosystems. It is science-based, (the 1st State of Environment Report for Canada, which I co-authored with [REDACTED], used this methodology. This report appeared in 1986 and set the stage for two follow-up reports -1991, and 1996.</p>	

						<p>The Healthy Ecosystems Healthy Community Initiative will soon release SaltSpring Islands 1st State of the Environment Report. It will show abundant evidence that our environment is degenerating. It's high time that our Trustees wake-up and smell the coffee. They have not managed to care for the island's health- either out of ignorance, incompetence, or because their priorities are not aligned with their responsibilities and charge. They Trust Act has not been well served by them. If their is to be a hopeful future, we need to change course, and repair to the greatest extent possible the damages that taken place under the watch, and ensure a sustainable health environment - the prerequisite for a healthy community.</p>	
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[Redacted]						<p>These islands are incredibly vulnerable, so valuable to all of us, even as examples of BC that we treated in a mindful way and were so intelligent about how we hung onto their pristine nature. Other large land masses on the mainland are easier to make excuses for as we overdevelop them and threaten their natural resources. But the islands, on an ecological level, truly are the canaries in the cold mine. What we do there has instant repurcushans. They need to lead the way to conscious development of the whole province. Let's save them and use them as examples of how worked forward not just to the next election cycle, but to hundreds of years in the future.</p>	
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		Living on Vancouver Island I've visited many of them and enjoyed their special uniqueness.
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	We are so lucky to have the Gulf Islands nearby and visit when we can. It is imperative that the Islands be protected from over-development.	
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	I am extremely concerned about the environmental health of the Gulf Islands. There needs to be strong control over any logging, esp. clear cutting. Rain water catchment needs to be encouraged, and how about the deep ditches that fling the rain water into the ocean with abandon. Smarten up and protect these precious vulnerable islands.	
	We are shocked that the Islands Trust would even consider not making the environment their top priority. If they do not, what good are they?	SSI

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		<p>There is only one legitimate mandate for the Trust, and that is to save and protect the unique environment of the islands - nobody was including people or housing or economic development in the drafting of that original mandate, and we all know that - no obfuscation there. That mandate means saving: marine life, forest life, natural wetlands and meadows, the lovely mossy sparsely-vegetated outcrops and the myriad species for whom these provide necessary and irreplaceable habitat. It is ridiculous, given what we NOW KNOW about climate change, to compromise on this mandate just because there is a vocal minority against it. These species have no choice; humans have plenty. Let's choose to preserve the natural environment here for all, forever.</p>					
[Redacted]							Gabriola
		<p>The rate of development on the Gulf Islands is quickly destroying the natural beauty and native habitats that many of us cherish. With a unique level of government such as the Island Trust, created to protect the natural environment of our islands, we should be in an excellent position to preserve crucial habitat that can provide refuge for flora and fauna that are so quickly disappearing and to reduce the impact of climate change, but that is not what is happening. Social and economic issues are important, but the loss of the ecosystems in the Gulf Islands and around the world are the most crucial issue facing us today and must be given precedence.</p>					
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	Lessons should be learned from the experiences of other small Island communities elsewhere in the world.	Gabriola
	I wish for the Gulf Islands to be protected. ■	Gabriola
	We have just been involved in a successful community campaign to protect local forests, which government is not currently able to do for us - this campaign involved approximately 600 community donors - so please recognise that my one vote is supported by that many people in addition!	
	I may not be alive for much longer, given that I have ovarian cancer. It is taking it's time so do put my name on the petition.	N Pender
	Prioritizing everything is the same as prioritizing nothing.	ssi
		Gabriola
	Visit Galiano regularly.	Galiano
	I have visited many of these beautiful Islands over several decades. We must treasure and protect these unique places.	
	The whole characters of these beautiful is changing rapidly.	Gabriola
		SSI
		Bowen
	Quickly, before it's too late. ■	Gabriola

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						Agreed. Too much emphasis on social and economic goals, starting to treat the environment as a secondary aspect to be handled by mitigation, which always means loss.	
						The Islands are being shamefully sold off from their original beauty. Please retain their rural atmosphere and slow or STOP development.	
						Gabriola	
						SSI	

						Environmental considerations are paramount. Our livelihoods are dependent on the health of our environment. Putting development first is destructive and an act of self-harm.	Galiano
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							Denman
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						I would like to see more water protection added and supported by housing regs that require cisterns and agricultural projects that have a catchment requirement for their water usage not just pulling thousands of gallons from the aquifer.	Gabriola
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							SSI
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						If only the Islands Trust was to regain the nature of their raison d'être! I hope that many Islanders and BCns will sign this. These Islands are in peril!	Gabriola
							SSI
						The forests, the watersheds and ocean are all connected. Developments in one will effect all--it is important to make the environment #1; look at the government that is chosen here. Green both provincially and Federally. It is important for the Islands trust to do their part and be Green as a primary focus.	severl

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						PROTECTION OF OUR NATURAL ENVIRONMENT, PLEASE!	Gabriola
							several
						environment first before development.	Gabriola
							several
						I am very concerned about over development, clear cutting, freshwater shortages, and over population.	SSI
						This is a protected area. Please treat it like one.	SSI
							SSI
							Gabriola
							Hornby
						This is really a no-brainer. To quote Thoreau, 'What good is a house if you don't have a planet to put it on?' Or, what good is a house if you have no water? What good is a house if your island is on fire? Come on people.	Gabriola
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						The southern Gulf Islands are one of the last remaining areas of the endangered Garry Oak Ecosystems. Strict controls on any new developments throughout these arid islands are needed. Strive for sustainability, water conservation, and more protected areas, not perpetual growth of the human population and residential areas for wealthy people who don't live full time on the islands. Environmental protection should remain paramount.	several
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						There is far too much 'development' for properties for those with lots of money while working people and renters can no longer afford to live here.	Gabriola
							S Pender
							Galiano
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						We discovered Galiano Island in 2007. Enscocned in Nature is a true gift for all three generations of our family.	Galiano
						Through boating and holidays I have an awareness of what could be lost if action is not taken. Thanks.	several

						I used to be a property owner on Mayne Island, and have visited many of the other islands. I am dismayed to learn of the amount of development and the change in direction of the Island Trust. These islands have finite resources - in addition to the environmental degradation, they will totally lose their charm for visitors and residents alike if they become over-run.
						Galiano
						My husband and I are retired live in Sidney. We used to boat all around the magnificent Gulf Islands. We are now boatless but still travel to the islands for day trips and overnight stays. If the islands are to be protected environmentally, more and more development simply can't be allowed. They are jewel that must be managed and protected. I know home owners on several of the islands and they are all concerned about this new proposal. Protecting water resources seems to be a primary concern. Please listen to your constituents.
						Lower mainland
						We are thankful a group has organized to stop what we see as out of control population growth on Salt Spring. We have been on the Island for almost [redacted] years, and are considering leaving, the Trust has lost it's way.
						Galiano
						SSI
						We live in the East Kootenays and love to visit the Gulf Islands. Please do not over-develop them. Their natural beauty, serenity and peace is what makes them such a special place.
						water is critical to life.
						SSI

[Redacted]						Limitations will become worse as climate change takes further hold.	SSI
						To preserve and protect the natural environment of these islands is crucial to all BC residents.	Mayne
							Gabriola S
						The protection and preservation of the Gulf Islands natural environment and rural character should be the first priority on the new Policy Statement.	Galiano
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						I don't want to seem like NIMBY, and I know that there is a tremendous need for affordable homes everywhere, but water shortages here now, Islands Trust and Trust Council must ensure that solutions are sustainable for all.	Gabriola
[Redacted]						It will soon be the 5th anniversary of the creation of The Islands Trust. I hope that a committee of engaged islanders will begin soon to put together a series of histories, reflections, critiques, proposals etc etc to both celebrate and reassess the Trust, including its mandate, its effectiveness and its future.	
							Denman
[Redacted]							
						Have lived here for 45 years, it has so changed. Too busy, too many people, too many weird head spaces that should have stayed in the city. Just sayin'.	Gabriola

						It is so important to save all the gulf islands from over-development and logging. If this does not happen then once the damage is done, it will be impossible to reverse or repair. This would be a loss to all of Canada and the Islands as we now know them would be gone. What a loss.	SSI
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						Been going camping on Salt Spring for over 40 years - preserve its natural beauty!	SSI
							Galiano
							Bowen
							Galiano
							Gabriola
							N Pender
							SSI
						We visit the Gulf Islands by sailboat. We go there for their peaceful lifestyle and beautiful nature. They are unique and should not be further developed.	
							Several
						We have to protect and conserve the integrity of our island.	N Pender
						I am on Vancouver Island where we share the same concerns.	
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						<p>CARRYING CAPACITY IS OF THE ESSENCE. PREVENTING ENVIRONMENT FRAGMENTATION IS WHAT PRESERVES & PROTECTS. THE ISLANDS OF THE TRUST ARE NOT A COMMONS, FREE FOR ALL. OVERLOADING THESE "LIFE BOATS" DOES NOT SAVE THE "TITANIC": SURVIVAL OF THE ISLANDS MUST COME FIRST!</p>	
						SSI	
						N Pender	
						<p>I live in Saskatoon now but spent most of my life on the coast and know many of the islands well. Development always seems to find a way despite the clear ecological limits in places like the islands. It's unconscionable.</p>	Denman
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						<p>My relatives used to own a place on S. Pender, and we visited there often. Have also visited (and enjoyed the beauty and wildness) of the other checked islands.</p>	several
						<p>Please don't forget us</p>	Galiano
						SSI	
						Hornby	
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						<p>Quite simply, we need to protect these beautiful islands before they completely deteriorate from human ignorance.</p>	
						N Pender	

[Redacted]						More development on the Gulf Is. unsustainable. We must protect what we have left of this one of a kind gem of the natural world!	Galiano
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			is.			<p>Islands Trust keeps "forgetting" that everyone living in the Gulf Islands has extremely limited access to water. It is impossible for everyone/anyone who wants to live on the islands to have access to sufficient potable water. It is a very limited resource that is becoming more and more scarce due to the change in climate.</p> <p>In fact, all of BC is experiencing more and more problems with sufficient potable water.</p> <p>The environment here and everywhere in the world needs to be protected first and foremost.</p>	
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						This grassroots action is sorely needed! The Trust is going rogue and abandoning the mandate we elected them to uphold. We the people must call them to task!!	SSI
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							Thetis
						My parents lived on Galuano for [redacted] years in their retirement, and I have several friends on the island.	Galiano
[Redacted]							
						This is SO important. The reason the Gulf Islands began to be protected by the Socreds was the unique ecosystems and unspoiled beauty of these islands. That is why they are set aside as a Trust Area.	SSI
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						I have spent many summers on Saltspring island. It is a unique and special place, with all sorts of rare wildlife. Please protect this.	SSI

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							I'm concerned about ALL of the islands.	All
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								Hornby
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						I grew up on Curteis Point @ Randle's Landing marina (now Westport) & know the Gulf Islands well from an early time.		
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							SSI It is true that the Trustees appear to be following the pro-development lemmings over the cliff.	
							Galiano	
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							SSI	
							Gabriola	
							We love them all !	All
								SSI
							I have visited them all	
								N Pender
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								Galiano Hornby
							food and water are not negotiations.	

						It is indispensible to protect all the gulf Islands from further development, so as to maintain the habitat and tourism qualities they offer to all BCns, and to others. Greater Victoria and the entire Saanich Peninsula have largely been destroyed, as pleasant habitat and enjoyable areas to visit, by over-development. Preserving the living and tourism qualities of the Gulf Islands has thereby become absolutely essential.	several
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							Galiano
						Having grown up on Salt in the 60's & 70's, I've seen how ineffective the IT has been for everyone. From environmentalists to home & business owners, to farmers no one is happy. It's time to get this right. Swaths of clear cuts keep happening and we still have not seen proper garbage service or parking for our eagerly enticed guests. Growth CAN happen in a conscious and sustainable way - it ain't what you do it's the way that you do it. Let's do it right this time.	
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						protect the beauty of our islands!	Denman Galiano

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		Gabriola
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	I feel that protecting the environment on the Gulf	Galiano Hornby
	Put a leash on the developers. Protect the trees. Protect the marine environment. It's all going - and quickly.	Gabriola
	<p>In the fall of 2018 a 45 acre parcel in a rural neighbourhood on Beddis Rd became an environmentally destructive, industrial logging site. Despite a tremendous public outcry and call for the trustees to stop the clear-cutting we were informed by the Local Trust Committee led by Peter Luckham that the owner was merely doing some woodcutting in compliance with the Official Community Plan and Bylaw 355. After initiating an injunction inciting violations of all the bylaws we discovered the Trustees had deceived us. Islands Trust had no jurisdiction over logging on private property.</p>	
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		Hornby
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		Gabriola
	I feel very strongly about preserving Galiano in its natural state, and not making in roads into the beautiful natural beauty by development	Galiano

						I live in Friday Harbor on San Juan island (USA). My [redacted] has property on Salt Spring island and we often go to spend a few days at the cabin which is on high bank waterfront. We love Salt Spring. We have the same problems that you are seeing in the Gulf islands.	SSI
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							N Pender
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						More and more people and development inevitably mean more footprint. Look what happened in England with more and more roads and practically no space for any sort of wildlife.	SSI
						We are [redacted] of the recreational helicopter on the [redacted] of North Pender Island. NO local agency has jurisdiction over this travesty NOT even Wildlife Protection!	N Pender
						I am empathetic to the need for low cost housing. However I do not believe the Gulf Islands are the correct environment for affordable housing and continued development. The lack of infrastructure to support these endeavours is just not available. There is no sewer system, a waning water supply and an overloaded ferry system.	
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						the notion of unlimited population (no sustainable or quality of life threshold) for any space is anethema to natural capacities. We live in a finite space with finite means, which pressed to their limit, WILL speak their reality. That Islands Trust does not enshrine this blatant fact across its OCP is outrageously unthinkable.	
							SSI
							Galiano
						Please! Please help us save our island. The ratio of trees to people is ever shrinking.	SSI

						The planet is already in the midst of the climate crisis and sixth mass extinction so every action must be viewed through this lens and we need to protect and conserve as much as we can for future generation's worldwide.	Gabriola
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							Galiano SSI
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							Bowen Gabriola
							Gabriola
							Now we are living the effects of climate change it is more important than ever to put the environment first in every choice we make ,in our day to day lives is decisions about economy , development , everything!
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							Gabriola
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							Galiano Mayne					
						I don't own property on any of the islands, but my visits to Galiano, Salt Spring, Pender, and Saturna have shown me that these are special places that warrant special protection.						
							SSI					
						I have a friend who lives full time on Gabriola.						
							Gabriola Thetis					
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						The limits of this place are not negotiable. Sad for humans but true.						Gabriola
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The fight against big money. Sounds familiar. Go Friends of the Gulf Islands.						several						
						We have to grasp the fact that we can't keep expanding and growing on a finite planet.						
							Gambier					
							Denman					
							SSI					

						<p>I don't know what it will take for humans to understand that are ecosystems, our entire world, needs protecting, not exploited. We are just about past the tipping point for worldwide ecological disasters. We're seeing it already in rising sea levels, floods and fires throughout the entire world. We're in trouble, folks, deep and serious trouble. The very least we can do is take care of the jewels our gulf island are. I'm so discouraged and disappointed in us for not holding accountable our elected officials who are supposed to represent the will of the people, not the greed of the few.</p>	
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						<p>I live on Vancouver Island and as a Green Party member, and always cast my vote Green, to protect the island, our coast, the Gulf Islands.</p> <p>Our other 3 political parties are industry captured and are destroying/degrading and/or poisoning air, water, and land, everywhere.</p>	
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						<p>the number of logging trucks leaving Gabriola on a regular basis is frightening ...the genocide of our forests ...while the world is battling an ecological disaster</p>	
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