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To: Islands2050

Subject: Opposition to the Islands Trust draft policy Statement.

Hello I am writing to express my opposition to the new draft Islands trust policy statement.

In particular there does not seem to be any attempt to balance the desire to protect the environment with the needs of the islanders to be able to live and work on the islands. Removal of agriculture and forestry as valuable activities in the trust area is problematic.

The desire to protect the foreshore and marine ecosystems by advocating for a ban on docks, and desalination seems misplaced. A more pressing concern is the contamination of the harbors by live aboards dumping raw sewage into harbors thought the trust area, yet this is not mentioned.

Overall the draft statement is wordy, difficult to read and overly directive.

Regards,

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