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This comments on the "Draft Islands Trust Policy Statement 2050" currently posted;

1. The document is too repetitive, too lengthy, and too prescriptive. Please retain a skilled editor. Set him or her the objective of reducing the draft text by at least 30 even 50 percent. Nothing obliges Island Trust writers to preserve intact text sent to them by commenters.
2. Today's public polies require reference to Indigenous peoples in the planning and decision process - understood. But this draft overstates this inclusion so frequently that text insertions look like afterthoughts - e.g. " Oh by the way, insert "Indigenous" here." The draft's zealous efforts to assert being "woke" go so far beyond a need to acknowledge; they detract from what should be the draft's primary purpose, to *explain*. To do that well, it must be brief. That way, people will read it a-and maybe even use it !
3. Revise the draft to acknowledge the crisis caused by current (2021/22) market prices for land, which are increasingly not affordable, and are forcing changes on the wants and expectations of residents within Islands Trust areas. Residents with small incomes may soon be forced to live elsewhere. The province is being squeezed between an obsolete real property tax system, and an assessment and appraisal process and policies which are captive of the real estate industry.
4. Revise the cited population figures to include the **2021 Census**, as the latest figures were published just a month ago ([Census of Population \(statcan.gc.ca\)](https://www150.statcan.gc.ca/n1/pub/92-627-x/2021001/article/00001-eng.htm)) In the draft, see Section 1.4 on page 5: "...2,6000 residents and 28,000 Coast Salish ..." This is a clumsy error: are the latter not residents?
5. At the outset, the draft should explain that Island Trust has asked the Minister of Municipal Affairs for amendments to the *Islands Trust Act*, which if attained will force the policy to be revised. The draft would be better titled an **Interim** policy, pending amendment of the Act.

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