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From: Maureen Sent: Sunday, December 1, 2024 10:50 AM To: Executive Admin <<u>execadmin@islandstrust.bc.ca</u>> Subject: Very concerned about changes to the Trust Policy Statement

Hello Trustees,

Many years ago there was a proposal on Salt Spring to develop land, beyond what would be allowed by zoning, in the watershed of a drinking water lake on Salt Spring. I was able to show the Council lab tests of this lake's raw water that showed it was very near to legal closure for all uses due to pollution. Increasing development would have violated our Policy Statement which was designed to protect the natural assets of the Trust area in perpetuity for all BC residents.

Please keep the protection of the natural amenities of the Trust area as your top priority. We need clean water, protected watersheds, forested land, clean air for everyone who lives and visits here. That is paramount. It is the reason people like to live here. Of course our islands are affected by the Canada-wide problems with affordable housing but we can be creative about solutions while still upholding the protective Policy Statement and the precautionary principle to preserve this special place and to halt inappropriate development.

Sincerely, Maureen Moore Salt Spring Island