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Christine Torgrimson, Salt Spring Island Trustee for 2008-2011, also served as a Trust Fund Board member from 2008-2011 including service as chair adds her agreement to the following statement.

"As former Trustees we were greatly saddened to learn of the defeat of a motion made at the March meetings "that Trust Council affirm its understanding that the paramount object of the Islands Trust Act is preservation and protection of the natural environment". We ask that Trustees reflect on the historical significance of that decision as well as its implications for the future and reconsider that motion at the next meeting of Trust Council in June."

Comment: I strongly encourage Trust Council members to further reflect on the creation and unique nature of the Islands Trust—a globally rare form of place-based governance, grounded in the understanding that humans' relationship with the natural world is fundamental both to our existence and to the success of our societies. This understanding is even more crucial than when the Trust was created many decades ago, given the heavy human footprint on the Earth, the cascading loss of plant and animal species, and the increasing effects of climate change—both on the environment and on people's lives. Please do not alter or muddy the object and policies of the Trust. Although I certainly support and have worked for the provision of affordable housing, I firmly believe that creation and

location of such housing must be shaped by a Trust object and policies centred around preservation and protection of the fragile and globally rare islands' environment.