



May 31, 2021

The Islands Trust Council

c/o execadmin@islandstrust.bc.ca

c.c Jeanine Dodds, Mayne Island Trustee

David Maude, Mayne Island Trustee

Re: Public Input for First Reading of proposed revisions to the Islands Trust Council Draft Bylaw No. 183 / Islands Trust Policy Statement Bylaw 2021 (Stage 5 – June to September 2021).

To the Council:

As you are no doubt aware, Mayne Island is vulnerable to deforestation, and the rate of canopy loss has been dramatically increasing in recent years. Residents continue to remove large numbers of trees from their properties, which results in a more serious loss overall when combined with the death of trees (primarily mature Western Red Cedar) due to climate change. The environmental impact of tree cutting erodes ecosystems across Mayne Island, specifically affecting ground water, local microclimates along with flora and fauna at all scales.

Therefore, we are writing to express our emphatic support for the Islands Trust Council pursuing the necessary jurisdictional authority to regulate small scale clear cutting in the Trust Area (under Coordination Policies for Trust Council 4.3.9).

Yours Sincerely,

Malcolm Inglis,

President, Mayne Island Conservancy Society