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I have read through the current draft of the Islands Trust 2050 Policy Document that will be presented on July 8 for first reading and at this stage of the process. I like it.

Specifically I appreciate the way it has been updated with current knowledge systems - including incorporating indigenous knowledge - and enshrining of the precautionary principle to guide governance. With such sensitive human and natural systems as the ones we live on, this principle is wise, in my opinion. The recognition of Indigenous land use and the preservation of Indigenous cultural heritage is well overdue and in line with current law and policy directions.

There has been some horrible misinformation circulated by anonymous trolls recently and I want to vehemently speak against that, especially the recent mailer that went out on Bowen Island. In response to that mailer's call to action I will say the opposite: please do proceed with first reading and the subsequent consultation and referral phases.

Trustees have hard jobs, governing in this time and overseeing a process as contentious as this one. I want to thank you all for your work. I appreciate how you have let us know about the public consultation moments in the development of the new policy statement - especially during the pandemic - and I have done my best to participate in them as much as possible.

So please take this note as one of appreciation and as a strong endorsement of the process to date and strong encouragement to continue under the current timelines.

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