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To: Trust Council
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In response to The Islands Trust policy statement review, The Association Of Mayne Island Boaters would like the following proposal to be included in the Public Comments of the 2050 Islands Trust policy statement.

As the executive of the Mayne Island Boating Association (AMIB), we are writing on behalf of our members. Our club was formed 20 years ago to advocate for marine facilities on Mayne Island and over the years our membership count has ranged between 250 and 300 members. In addition to maintaining our Islands public dock and ramp facilities we hold boating related recreation activities and are active in providing free boating courses to our membership.

We would like to offer suggestions towards the development of the Islands Trust 2050 operating plan and we note that the official community plans on some Islands include provisions towards the needs of boaters. As with any Island, Mayne has an actively growing boating community in need of either private, community or commercial marine infrastructure. Facilities in the Gulf Islands cover a broad range of mix between public and private docks. Pender Island as an example has few private docks compared to Mayne's 101 private docks, while Pender has approximately 10 times the public moorage as Mayne.

Docks accessible to non-water front property owners provide significant value to our Island community while acting to minimize the impact of boating on our environment. Many of our communities' boaters are seniors, access to a boat on a mooring poses far more risk of injury or drowning than at a dock.

Public docks can serve to improve our Islands transportation infrastructure as well as act as a point of emergency egress. Community or Commercial docks provide an efficient use of the dock's footprint, as a single ramp and walkway serves multiple boats. A boat having technical problems at a dock is far more likely to be noticed and the problem resolved, potentially before sinking. As a result, the risk of damage to the marine environment is minimized.

For reference, the only difference between a community (public) dock and a commercial marina is the ownership, both meet the same environmental and use conditions, neither need market fuel or hazardous goods. It is worth noting that both community and commercial docks create employment in their maintenance and day to day operation.

In closing we would like to ask that the trust recognize the important role publicly accessible docks serve in our Island communities and provide clear support for their inclusion in your 2050 planning. We welcome any questions you may have on this request and would be happy to share our experience in these matters.

Thank you,

For the Association of Mayne Island Boaters

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