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To: Islands2050
Subject: I do not support the revisions of the trust policy
Attachments: Where is the Support for Livelihoods SSI.pdf

RE: I do not Support the Revisions to the Trust Policy Statement that Erode our Island Livelihoods and Economy

I came to the islands looking for a simpler, rural lifestyle. I came to live in nature and I support endeavours to keep our natural ecosystems in balance with economic and cultural aspects of our community. The island artisan market economy is a very important part of that sustainable community.

Our island economies need support and need to be in balance with rather than becoming secondary to environmental concerns. The revised policy statement takes away the needed balance for a vibrant economy by unnecessarily confining size and imposing vague and unscientific environmental policies.

The purpose of the current policy statement section 5.8 Health and Well-being is clearly to ensure a balance between the needs of the community and the environmental concerns. It is to ensure that the community has a say in deciding its own governance. This section has been removed from the revised policy statement. And the revised section 3.1.9 does not, in any way, adequately cover the original intent of our 1994 policy statement.

Please keep and enhance the current policies for livelihoods and our island economy. Our small island economies and jobs need support to survive and should be given equal consideration along with the environment for a balanced and sustainable community.

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