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Hello Trustees,

We are pleased to provide the following submission from PenderPOD in support of the proposed changes to the Trust Policy Statement in support of all the proposed changes in the Policy Statement that lead to protecting the long-term health of the Trust area and its stressed and threatened land and marine ecosystems. We appreciate the trustees' persistence in pursuing the necessary changes to meet the challenges from increasing development and accelerating climate change and recognition of rights and title of Indigenous people in the Trust Area.

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To: The Islands Trust

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The Pender Ocean Defenders (PenderPOD - <https://www.penderpod.ca/about-us>) wish to submit the following comments regarding **Islands 2050**, the new Trust Policy Statement.

PenderPOD is a non-government organization established in 2014 with the vision of honoring, protecting and defending the Natural Environment of the Salish Sea from actions that could harm it. We are focused on the health of the marine ecosystems of the Salish Sea and specifically the Southern Resident Killer Whales (Orca), Chinook salmon, and the herring, which make up the marine food web.

We pursue our aims by a variety of peaceful actions including citizen science, advocacy, education, art, public discussion and letter writing campaigns.

As a general statement PenderPOD is very supportive of all the proposed changes in the Policy Statement that lead to protecting the long-term health of the Trust area and its stressed and threatened land and marine ecosystems.

We recognize that we are in the midst of a catastrophe: a triple threat involving massive loss of biodiversity, widespread pollution of the natural systems on which all life depends and runaway climate change with all its negative impacts. All based on excessive consumption of the earth's resources.

In recognition of these events the revision of the Trust Council Policy is timely and critical. We cannot maintain business as usual with respect to land use practices on our fragile Islands. What happens on the Islands' land, including private land, and in the sea around us affects all of us. The services provided by trees, eelgrass meadows, wetlands, and the Islands' aquifers affects us all, and only by having the power to safeguard those systems can the Trust be effective.

It is necessary that the Island Trust has greater jurisdictional powers to fulfill its preserve and protect mandate.

We applaud the Trust Council for taking on the difficult and controversial task of revising the Trust Council Policy Statement and believe this revision represents a unique opportunity for the Islands. That the Trust already has the expressed mandate to *“preserve and protect the Trust Area and its unique amenities and environment for the benefit of the residents of the Trust Area and of British Columbia”* this provides the rare opportunity to transform that mandated foundation into a structure that upholds ecological integrity and safe environments for the people and wildlife that call the Salish Sea home.

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