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## LOCAL CLIMATE PROJECTS

The Galiano Conservancy will be calculating data on the ecological footprint of Galiano for the next year to help plan for a resilient community and sustainable future. Packages are available to community members at various locations on Island. Contact [oneisland@galianoconservancy.ca](mailto:oneisland@galianoconservancy.ca) for more info!

## HOUSING IN THE GULF ISLANDS

Much of Trust Council was spent discussing the mandate of the Islands Trust and how it relates to healthy communities and housing. It was agreed that communities and the environment are intertwined - the two are not independent of each other. Trustee Rockafella has joined Salt Spring Island Trustees in discussing housing initiatives, and will be attending a meeting with Adam Olsen on March 16th to discuss the drivers of housing shortages and possible actions the Islands Trust could take, or advocate for.

## DELEGATIONS HEARD AT TRUST COUNCIL

Raincoast Conservation Foundation followed up on their recommendations on how the Trust could strengthen forest and ecosystem protection on the Gulf Islands, including developing a Big Tree Registry on Galiano! Chat with your Trustees if you have ideas. Raincoast: [www.raincoast.org](http://www.raincoast.org)

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, Trustees are not meeting in-person. Trustee Rockafella is available by email or phone (250) 539 3767. Trustee Wolverton is available by email or by phone Mondays and Thursdays from 9:00 am - 11:00 am at (250) 539 2427.

For minutes and agendas check out: [www.islandstrust.bc.ca](http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca)

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# TRUSTEE REPORT

## March Trust Council

Trust Council (TC) heard some amazing delegations this past March. Among them was a request that TC request the Provincial government to ban rodenticides.

Rodenticides are poisons used to bait and kill rats and mice, but more often than not, end up affecting predators farther down the food chain including raptors, cougars, wolves, family pets, and children - with devastating effects.

The poison found in bait boxes causes the victims to bleed out by thinning their blood. This poison leaches into the earth, killing everything that consumes it, including snails, salamanders, and earthworms, eventually finding its way into the groundwater or streams.

A study by Tufts University found 88% of raptors have rodenticide poisoning, with 100% of red-tailed hawks being exposed.

Email [adam.olsen.MLA@leg.bc.ca](mailto:adam.olsen.MLA@leg.bc.ca) and share your thoughts or concerns.

## GALIANO TRUST COMMITTEE

Supporting the Islands Trust mandate to preserve and protect communities, culture, and environment



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Galiano Chair

Next Meeting: April 12th, 2021 @12:30pm online via Zoom