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Subject: Comment on Gambier OCP

Hello,

Please include these comments in the Gambier OCP and Targeted Bylaws review.

As a part-time resident and property owner on Gambier Island, I have several concerns about the OCP and Targeted Bylaws process:

1. The first survey did not work and I gave up on it - I assume many others did the same. You lost a significant source of data when you sent out a bad survey.
2. Your second survey required respondents to continue all the way through without pauses, which was a big problem given the nature of the questions and the need to compose long answers. Again, I assume many people gave up - another loss of information.
3. The questions in your second survey were clearly oriented to the southwest part of Gambier, which has power, roads, and a ferry. It ignored completely the needs of the rest of the island, where access is boat-only, and mostly without power, roads, or any services whatsoever.
4. The Official Community Plan and succeeding Bylaws must take into account the large part of the island that is boat access only. For instance, private docks are a requirement when there are no roads. Any possible revisions to Bylaws must take into account the needs of these many off-grid, rural, water-access properties.
5. The Islands Trust website says your Phase 1 of community involvement is complete. I disagree. Your Phase 1 was so poorly executed that it is far from complete. I suggest you circulate a new, better survey and hold at least one or two more public meetings, ideally over Zoom. This is the only way you will get true involvement from the community.

- Virginia Howlett, Gambier Point