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**Subject:** Shoreline Protection proposals

Dan,

In our telephone conversation a few weeks ago I committed to sending some suggestions on the current proposals. Since I'm not getting around to actually reviewing the draft proposal again I'm going to respond from memory.

My general reaction to the whole document is that it comes from writers who do not live on Keats Island and definitely do not rely on a waterfront float and dock to access their home. We are dealing with an island where many people have relied on waterfront access for their homes for many years so these changes become very personal. People will continue to rely on this access since they have no other means of getting to the homes they love. In addition, as people age and families grow they tend to want larger boats which require larger floats for moorage. If some changes need to be made, lets keep in mind that people live here and will continue to live here so make appropriate changes that don't just aggravate residents and instigate inappropriate behaviour. Let's make the changes moderate and appropriate.

**Minimum distance between floats of 10 meters.**

In the area around Keats Landing the average lot frontage is 50 feet. Irregular shorelines and rocks and shoals make it impractical to insist on 10 meters between floats. We could suggest a minimum of 5 meters but this makes no sense since that does not create enough room to operate a boat. Most residents would like to have easy boat access to both sides of their float so they will naturally find an appropriate location depending on their neighbours and their shoreline. I'm not sure this regulation serves any helpful purpose but it will certainly not work in our area. I suggest removing it.

**Maximum float size reduced by 45%**

This seems like an arbitrary change and the huge reduction involved is aggravating. As mentioned earlier, people are trending to larger boats and will need larger floats. Reduce the maximum float size by 25% and this will draw much less reaction.

The reduction for Keats Camp and Barnabas Landing is even greater (65%) and will have more impact on their operations. Such a large proposed reduction with no consultation with these organizations is insulting to them.

### **Setback of 7.5 meters / Development Permit Area of 15 meters.**

Most people don't understand that these are two different factors and many people will be surprised when they learn they must get a permit when they planned to build beyond 7.5 meters. If we are truly concerned about the shoreline I think these two regulations should be matched at 7.5 meters. That will be sufficient to avoid 95% of the inappropriate development on the shoreline. Making them different is overly complicated and will add to the aggravation people are already feeling over this proposal.

### **One more Permit Process.**

It is only polite to give people more detail on how this process will work before these regulations are adopted. This process will not only involve more time and expense with professionals and the Islands Trust but I would like to know exactly what will be involved with the Indigenous approval process. This is a huge change and shouldn't be slipped in without much more effort to educate residents on what it will mean. So far any explanations make it sound arbitrary and poorly defined. If this process can't be clarified now then this proposal shouldn't be established until we all know just what is involved.

### **Make it for Keats Island**

It will take more time and energy but the customized end result will make it more acceptable. Recall the working group or advisory group and review these proposals line by line and listen to the feedback and accept negotiated regulations. Then you will have several more advocates and the Islands Trust needs more advocates on Keats.

With respect

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