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April has been a quiet month for the Islands Trust, which after a packed March was quite appreciated. Fun Fact: globally, aquaculture farming has surpassed the beef industry, and has much less environmental impact.

On April 27th, I attended the Shellfish Aquaculture Management Advisory Committee (SF AMAC) meeting as an environmental representative of Islands Trust Council. The Trust has been hankering for a seat on the committee for some time and only got it fall 2022. There are many small shellfish farms on the gulf islands, but until now, they had little representation on this very important committee.

Having worked doing beach clean-up around Lasqueti with the Ocean Legacy Foundation, I am very aware of aquaculture's impact on the marine environment. This is true not only with net pen fin fish farming, but also debris from shellfish aquaculture. I was able to voice concerns regarding unsustainable spat (oyster spawn) practices and offer the Islands Trust's support for this industry.

Next month I'm looking forward to our 3rd LTC of the year as well as hopefully less snow, hail and thunder. Thanks, Mikaila

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