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Sent: Wednesday, February 28, 2024 7:00 PM
To: Lasqueti Island Local Trust Committee
Subject: dock Application #LA-RZ-2023.1-LTC

Dear Islands Trust members and Trustees,

I am writing this letter in support of John and Tracy Carey's application to allow their private dock in Scotty Bay. I have been a part- and full-time resident of Lasqueti since I was born, in 1960, and my family owns the other private dock in the bay under Lasqueti Marine Storage. Scotty bay is basically the only safe and secure moorage on the island, False Bay is exactly that, the southwest, "Qualicum" wind comes straight into the bay with very large waves and can do a lot of damage to both docks and boats. The floats are already oversubscribed, adding more boats to be moored to the floats or wharf is ridiculous. Private docks and floats in protected areas that have had a favorable environmental impact study, should be encouraged, not discouraged for a number of reasons.

1-Safety, the ability to remove patients of an emergency situation in that area, or if the main dock is full, which it usually is when the ferry comes in.

2-Next would be ferry issues. Unreliable service and overcrowding are real problems, having people with their own boats frees up more room on a already overcrowded ferry.

3- Fuel has been an issue recently on Lasqueti as there is no weekly barge service, especially in the winter when residents need fuel the most as solar is a minimum. Some residents with their own boats transport fuel for themselves or others, while fuel is not allowed on the ferry, is it mostly unloaded at the public dock, which isn't a desirable option if there is an alternative.

4- The Carey's did a proper and professional job with the necessary DFO environmental impact studies, which were all favorable, bought a proper high-end dock and ramp that was installed with minimum impact to the seabed.

There are many people that use our private dock without our knowledge or permission, despite signs stating the fact it's private and trespassing isn't allowed, I would have to say that Lasqueti is in need of more docks, not less, and can see absolutely no reason why this application would not be approved.

regards, John Millicheap