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Dear Heather,

I have a number of comments for tidying up the Lasqueti OCP First Reading.

Natural Resources, Advocacy Policy 2 (page 14). Along with feral sheep this ought to include Bullfrogs. These were the two species found to be doing the most ecological damage by the biologists surveying at risk species about five years ago. We already know the populations are growing; what we need in the light of ongoing conflict is professional evaluation from off island to be seen as credible. "Scientifically rigorous surveys of invasive species, in particular feral sheep and bullfrogs, to professionally assess local ecological impacts."

Economy, Policy 2 (page 20). Timber harvesting beyond local consumption has not been a part of the local Lasqueti economy for more than fifty years, and was clearly not supported by the community in our natural resource forum. Are we required to consider a permit for a public log watering facility? If so, "Although most of the community is opposed to commercial logging on a scale to require a log watering facility in the marine General zone....."

Health Care, Objective 1 (page 24) This appears to me to require full community consultation for all the myriad home health businesses on the island. I think this is intended to apply only to health services supported with public funds, in which case it should say as much.

Commercial and Industrial (page 27, 28)

The intro, Policy 8 and Policy 10 all refer to off-street parking, in one case in the same sentence as "rural character". Rural communities have roads rather than streets, so they have off-road parking.

Crown Lands (page 31, 32) This intro is excellent. However, I quibble with the "mature second growth" phrase. This forest is only mature second growth from a commercial logging perspective. From a conservation point of view, it is quite young and damaged by past logging. "Some sparsely forested areas have never been logged, and others have good potential to mature into restored old growth."

Thank you for considering my comments. Marti Wendt, member now-disbanded LCA OCP Review Steering Committee