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To: Lasqueti Island Local Trust Committee < LasquetilslandLocalTrustCommittee@islandstrust.bc.ca>

Subject: Marine zoning: Lasqueti Island

Hello Tim, Mikaila and Tobi,

I am writing to you with regard to a marine zoning matter.

Lasqueti is blessed with a long, contiguous, and protected coastal ecosystem at its extreme eastern edge. Nearly forty years ago the Lasqueti community successfully advocated for the establishment of a Marine Park on fourteen acres surrounding Squitty Bay. In 2007 an additional 90 plus acres of coastal property was added to the Park. Just last year the adjacent waterfront property was purchased by the BC Parks Foundation.

I believe that it is important that the waters of the Salish Sea, within the boundary of the Lasqueti Local Trust Area, which touch these lands should be zoned Marine Conservation. During this current OCP review please consider making any necessary modifications to the marine zoning maps in order to ensure they are so protected.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter,

Melinda Auerbach

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