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Sent: Thursday, April 30, 2020 3:50 PM
To: Laura Patrick; Peter Grove; Peter Luckham
Subject: SS RZ 2017.3

Island Trust, Local Trust Council

SS RZ 2017.3 at 2188 North End Road

I oppose the rezoning of 2188 North End Road for the protection of McFadden Creek Ecological Area Wetlands.

From the Aquaprian Report submitted by the applicant.

“No surface watercourse/water bodies were found within the area that would be impacted by well use within the subject property.”

There is a watercourse nearby. It is Weisner Brook, which flows into McFadden Creek.

The [REDACTED] of 2188 North End Road is in the wetland area supplying water to McFadden Creek Nature Sanctuary.

I have included a map of the area provided by Mr. D. Robinson, Senior Authorizations Specialist, West Coast Region, Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development.

His mapping of the area shows Mariko Place, Weisner Brook and McFadden Creek.

“The McFadden Creek Nature Sanctuary on Salt Spring Island has joined the Islands Trust Fund’s network of over 90 protected places in Canada’s islands in the Salish Sea.” “The sanctuary protects a forest of western red-cedar and Douglas-fir, as well as large cottonwood, big-leaf maple and trembling aspen trees once used as nest trees by the herons. Three spine stickleback and coastal cutthroat trout are present in McFadden Creek.” From islands Trust Conservancy

In addition to wetland preservation issues, drinking water quality and quantity of neighbourhood wells must be maintained. This is problematic with drainage from this property into these wetlands and increased water usage from two dwellings.

I have included a map of 3 nearby neighbouring wells.

[REDACTED] I have registered a water license on Weisner Brook dated [REDACTED] . Mr. Robinson has discussed the water rights associated with this license and I have included the Ministry record. Mr. Robinson has assured me that Weisner Brook is registered with the Water Branch, Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development.

In considering the protection of wetlands, drinking water wells and water rights, rezoning this 2+ acre property would not support the Islands Trust core mandate and should not continue.

4.4.2 Local Trust Committees and Island Municipalities shall, in their official community plans and regulatory bylaws, address measures that ensure neither the density nor intensity of land use is increased in areas which are known to have a problem with the quality or quantity of the supply of freshwater, water quality is maintained, and existing, anticipated and seasonal demands for water are considered and allowed for.

4.4.3 Local trust committees and island municipalities shall, in their official community plans and regulatory bylaws, address measures that ensure **water use is not to the detriment** of in-stream uses

18. Instream Uses - include water uses such as fish and habitat uses, aesthetic uses, recreational opportunities and the maintenance of water quality in lakes and **streams and wetlands**.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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