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To: SSIInfo

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Subject: Mid Isle Marine Commercial Zoning Application

Attention: Salt Spring Island Trustees, Jamie Harris and Laura Patrick

Dear Trustees,

I am writing in support of the commercial zoning application made by Mid Isle Marine for their business on Salt Spring Island. This business is an essential service on the Island for both boaters and small equipment users. Not only does Mid Isle benefit Salt Springers it also serves other southern Gulf Islands. For example, there are over twenty people on Galiano Island who also use Mid Isle for the maintenance of their boats.

Mid Isle's current location is central, convenient for customers, and is kept in impeccable condition by the operator. It is an exemplary example of how a business can benefit the community without creating any disturbance. We do not need a repeat of the Salt Spring Coffee Company fiasco where a wonderful business was driven off the Island over a zoning issue.

Please support this application so that we can all benefit from Mid Isle Marine as a much-needed service, a good employer, and a significant contributor to our community.

Thank you,

Norman Hotson, boater and small tool operator