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Comox Valley Regional District
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Attention: Kris La Rose, Project Manager

Dear Mr. La Rose:

Re: CVRD South Region Liquid Waste Management Plan

The Denman Island Local Trust Committee is writing to express support for the CVRD South Regional Liquid Waste Management Plan (LWMP) and proposed outfall at Cape Lazo.

The Islands Trust is a regional government established by the province in 1974 to “*preserve and protect the Trust Area and its unique amenities and environment for the benefit of the residents of the Trust Area*”.

The Denman Island Local Trust Committee (LTC) is responsible for land use decisions with the Local Trust Area, which includes Denman Island and surrounding marine waters of Baynes Sound. Baynes Sound is a complex ecosystem of great significance for many life-forms including migratory birds, salmon, herring, forage fish and shellfish. The ecosystem of Baynes Sound and its substantial shellfish aquaculture industry are at risk of damage from the pollution of failing septic systems in the vicinity. The South Region seeks to address this pollution by replacing failing septic systems through a major sewer initiative.

Various provisions of the Islands Trust Policy Statement and the Denman Island Official Community Plan are supportive of the sewer project initiative.

The Trust Policy Statement directs:

- *That marine areas be protected; and*
- *That local trust committees in their official community plans and regulatory bylaws, address the protection of sensitive coastal areas*

The Denman Island Official Community Plan includes the following objectives:

- *To protect the foreshore, coastal waters and native marine life and to retain sufficient natural habitat to ensure the preservation of native species;*

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- *To ensure maximum protection of foreshore areas, estuaries, surrounding waters, and native life forms, including bird and animal life, against loss or damage caused by human intrusion;*
- *To minimise pollution from human use of the foreshore, estuaries, surrounding waters and adjacent upland, and to maintain the purity of coastal waters;*
- *To protect undisturbed areas on the foreshore and the surrounding waters, to preserve areas where the herring spawn annually, and to protect, and where necessary, restore important sea duck foraging areas (for example, eelgrass beds).*

The Denman Island LTC supports the South Region LWMP and proposed outfall at Cape Lazo and are confident that implementation of the LWMP will contribute positively to the Trust Area and to the ecology of Baynes Sound.

Best Regards,



Susan Morrison, Chair
Denman Island Local Trust Committee

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