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Via Email: [marc.garneau@parl.gc.ca](mailto:marc.garneau@parl.gc.ca)

The Honourable Marc Garneau, P.C. M.P.  
Minister of Transport  
House of Commons  
Ottawa Ontario K1A 0A6

Dear Minister Garneau:

**Re: Request for community consultation on implications of extending the jurisdiction of the Nanaimo Port Authority**

Thank you for your correspondence of June 9, 2016 in response to our concerns over commercial vessel anchorages.

The Islands Trust Council opposes the potential anchoring of commercial vessels off the northeast coast of Gabriola Island in British Columbia and remains concerned about processes that could lead to vessels anchoring in this location. We understand that there are discussions underway about extending the Nanaimo Port Authority's jurisdiction to provide better oversight and management of the potential new anchorages.

We encourage Transport Canada to engage in full community consultation and a detailed public analysis of the potential implications of extending the jurisdiction of the Nanaimo Port Authority. We would appreciate a particular focus on compatibility with the Object of the Islands Trust to preserve and protect the waters of the Salish Sea.

The *Islands Trust Act*, enacted by the Province of British Columbia in 1974, sets out that the Object of the Islands Trust *is to preserve and protect the trust area and its unique amenities and environment for the benefit of the residents of the trust area and of British Columbia generally, in cooperation with municipalities, regional districts, improvement districts, other persons and organizations and the government of British Columbia.*

The Islands Trust Council is a federation of local government bodies representing 25,000 people living within the Islands Trust Area and another 10,000 non-resident property-owners. The Islands Trust is responsible for preserving and protecting the unique environment and amenities of the Islands Trust Area through planning and regulating land use, development management, education, cooperation with other agencies, and land conservation. The area covers the islands and waters between the British Columbia mainland and southern Vancouver Island. It includes 13 major islands and more than 450 smaller islands covering 5200 square kilometres. The Islands Trust Council has been concerned with oil spill and oil tanker issues since 1979.

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Thank you for considering this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "P. Luckham". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "P" and a long, sweeping underline.

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