

ISLANDS TRUST COUNCIL

BYLAW NO. 53

A BYLAW TO AMEND BYLAW NO. 17, 1993, A POLICY STATEMENT FOR THE TRUST AREA

The Islands Trust Council, having jurisdiction in respect of the Trust Area in the Province of British Columbia under the *Islands Trust Act*, enacts as follows:

TITLE

1. This Bylaw may be cited for all purposes as "Islands Trust Council Policy Statement Amendment Bylaw No. 1, 1998".

ORGANIZATION

2. Pursuant to Section 15 of the *Islands Trust Act*, Part IV of the Islands Trust Policy Statement adopted by "The Islands Trust Policy Statement Bylaw, 1993", is amended as follows:

- 2.1 Section **4.2 Forests** is removed in its entirety and replaced with the following:

Section 4.2 Forests

- 4.2.1 Trust Council recognizes that forestry is a traditional land use in the Trust Area, and supports sustainable forestry as an appropriate form of land use.
- 4.2.2 It is the position of Trust Council that sustainable forestry depends on maintaining and, where necessary, restoring the ecological integrity of forests.
- 4.2.3 It is the position of Trust Council that to achieve sustainable forestry, forest owners should undertake planning to address the integrity of forest ecosystems, including monitoring and evaluation to modify forestry plans and activities as needed.
- 4.2.4 It is the position of Trust Council that forest cover is a representative characteristic of the Trust Islands, which should be maintained.
- 4.2.5 It is the position of Trust Council that the aesthetic value of forest land should be protected.
- 4.2.6 Trust Council encourages the Provincial government to adopt mechanisms that will ensure full and meaningful participation of communities in decisions concerning the use of forest land.
- 4.2.7 Trust Council encourages the Provincial government to implement education and extension programs to promote sustainable forestry and the protection of forest ecosystems.
- 4.2.8 Trust Council encourages the Provincial government to adopt Provincial statutes and guidelines that establish forestry practices to protect the ecological integrity on a scale of forest stands and landscapes by maintaining and, where necessary, restoring:
 - the diversity of forest structure and composition;
 - the physical, chemical, and biotic diversity of soils,
 - natural aquatic and wetland ecosystems;
 - the full range of natural habitats in the forest landscape, including old growth; and
 - connectivity of forest habitats sufficient for the dispersal needs of native species.
- 4.2.9 Trust Council encourages the Provincial government to adopt Provincial statutes and guidelines that will reduce invasive non-native plant species in the forests.

- 4.2.10 Trust Council encourages the Provincial government to designate forest ecosystem reserves, where no extraction will take place, to promote the preservation of native biological diversity.
- 4.2.11 Trust Council encourages the Provincial government, prior to giving approval to cutting plans, to require the applicant identify those elements of the forest needed to maintain sustainable forest land use.
- 4.2.12 Trust Council encourages the Provincial government to implement property tax incentives for the practice of sustainable forestry.
- 4.2.13 Trust Council encourages the Provincial Ministry of Forests, when developing specific forest tenures, to assign to Trust Council or Trust Fund Board, the holding of areas not to be harvested.
- 4.2.14 Trust Council encourages the BC Forest Land Commission to retain land without further subdivision in the Provincial Forest Land Reserve.
- 4.2.15 Trust Council encourages the BC Forest Land Commission to approve applications from property owners for inclusion of their land with potential for forestry in the Provincial Forest Land Reserve.
- 4.2.16 Local trust committees and, where applicable, municipalities shall, in their official community plans and regulatory bylaws, address the need to protect the ecological integrity on a scale of forest stands and landscapes.
- 4.2.17 Local trust committees and, where applicable, municipalities shall, in their official community plans and regulatory bylaws, address:
- the retention of large land holdings and parcel sizes for sustainable forestry use, and
 - the location and construction of roads, and utility and communication corridors so as to minimize the fragmentation of forests.
- 4.2.18 Local trust committees and, where applicable, municipalities shall, in their official community plans and regulatory bylaws, address the designation of forest ecosystem reserves where no extraction will take place to ensure the preservation of native biological diversity.

READINGS

READ A FIRST TIME THIS 6TH DAY OF JUNE , 1998

READ A SECOND TIME THIS 18TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER , 1998

READ A THIRD TIME THIS 18TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER , 1998

APPROVED BY THE MINISTER OF MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS
PURSUANT TO SECTION 15(2)(c) OF THE *ISLANDS TRUST ACT* THIS 4TH DAY OF NOVEMBER , 1998

ADOPTED THIS 4TH DAY OF DECEMBER , 1998

SECRETARY

CHAIRPERSON