



Islands Trust

LEGISLATIVE MONITORING REPORT
May, 2017

This document is intended to advise Trust Council about past or proposed external regulatory changes that could directly affect Islands Trust operations, local trust committee/island municipality bylaws or regulations, or Strategic Plan projects. The chart captures changes in the last six months and is organized according to the following categories:

- Planned legislation
- Legislation in process (none in this report)
- New legislation in effect
- Court decisions
- New resources
- Discussion/Planning/Trust Fund Board (TFB) related advocacy topics
- Environmental assessment processes in the Trust Area
- Legislative change requests

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Planned Legislation

PLANNED LEGISLATION	STATUS	BACKGROUND/ KEY IMPLICATIONS TO TRUST AREA	ISLANDS TRUST ACTIONS-PAST	ISLANDS TRUST ACTIONS – FUTURE
Proposed changes to <i>Fisheries Act</i>	Fall 2016 February 2017	<p>The Government of Canada is reviewing the 2012-2013 changes to the <i>Fisheries Act</i>. An online consultation called Let's Talk Fish Habitat is now completed.</p> <p>A Parliamentary Committee released a report and recommendations for Parliament:</p> <p>Highlights include:</p> <p>Recommendation 4. That Fisheries and Oceans Canada emphasize protection for priority habitats that contribute significantly to fish production within the context of section 6 of the Act.</p> <p>Recommendation 6. That protection from harmful alteration or disruption, or the destruction, of fish habitat be extended to all ocean and natural freshwater habitats to ensure healthy biodiversity.</p> <p>Recommendation 7. To protect fish habitat from key activities that can damage habitat, such as destructive fishing practices and cumulative effects of multiple activities.</p> <p>Recommendation 8. That Fisheries and Oceans Canada put sufficient protection provisions into the <i>Fisheries Act</i> that act as safeguards for farmers and agriculturalists, and municipalities.</p> <p>Recommendation 9. That Fisheries and Oceans Canada work with the farm community and rural municipalities to provide incentives and expert advice to conserve and enhance fish habitat and populations and utilize the enforcement approach as a last resort.</p> <p>Link to Recommendations from the report</p>		

New legislation in effect

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Contaminated Sites Regulation Amendments	Consultation closed. Significant changes to the Contaminated Sites Regulation under the <i>Environmental Management Act</i> have been made and will become effective November 1, 2017.	<p>The Province has amended the Contaminated Sites Regulations to the amendments will incorporate new soil, water, and vapour standards to reflect current science. These include up-to-date toxicology data, the new BC environmental groundwater model, and new environmental quality standards.</p> <p>The Province asked for feedback earlier in 2016 and 40 local governments, including the Islands Trust, responded.</p> <p>Previously proposed amendment that would have negatively impacted local governments were dropped.</p>	When the regulation was first brought in in the late 1990s, the Islands Trust and many other local governments, based on legal advice, opted out.	
Integrated Geoduck Management Framework 2017	Implementation phase	<p>Policy guidance for the licensing of geoduck aquaculture. Guidance on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Coastwide opportunities - Siting guidelines aimed at minimizing overlap with commercial wild fishery while providing opportunities for aquaculture - Wild harvest ‘opportunities’ prior to aquaculture - Overview of management and approaches to geoduck aquaculture 	Chair wrote a letter on the draft Framework to Jeff Johansen, Regional Manager for Invertebrates, Pacific Region, DFO in 2014	

Court Decisions

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Abbotsford (City) v. Mary Jane’s Glass & Gifts Ltd		The Supreme Court of BC ruled that local governments have the right to regulate marijuana dispensaries and cities have the right to deny them business licenses and implement bylaws banning the sale of pot. The Court found that the City of Abbotsford’s Zoning and Business Bylaws are constitutionally valid in refusing a business license to a marihuana retail store and “confirms the		LTCs consider changes to Land Use Bylaws

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		<p>basic assumption that storefronts selling marihuana for any purpose are illegal”.</p> <p>Abbotsford’s bylaws specifically prohibit selling, production and distributing of marihuana in any zone unless specifically provided for in a zone. In their Agriculture zones, Abbotsford permits a “medical marihuana production facility” that includes production, distribution, selling, etc.</p> <p>The aspect of storefronts being illegal is because Health Canada, as the medical marihuana licensing agency permits licensed individual or company producers to grow and sell cannabis for medical purposes BUT ‘licensed producers are not allowed to sell products in person from a store.’</p>		

New Resources

NEW RESOURCES	STATUS	SUMMARY	ISLANDS TRUST ACTIONS - PAST	ISLANDS TRUST ACTIONS - FUTURE
2016 Salish Sea Toxics Monitoring Review: A Selection of Research	Released in May 2017	<p>A 2017 report from the Puget Sound Ecosystem Monitoring Program</p> <p>Over the past 150 years of industrialization, human activities have introduced a variety of chemicals into the Salish Sea, at levels that can be harmful to people and aquatic biota. A number of these chemicals are toxic and have the potential to harm or threaten the Salish Sea ecosystem, including industrial chemicals (e.g., polychlorinated biphenyls [PCBs]), flame retardants (e.g., polybrominated diphenyl ethers [PBDEs]), plasticizers, and dioxins. Additional chemicals that may pose a threat to the Salish Sea ecosystem include pharmaceutical and personal care products (PPCPs; e.g., medications, household chemicals, beauty products, etc.) and chemicals used in agriculture, landscaping and yard care (e.g., current use and legacy pesticides, livestock pharmaceuticals, etc.). Collectively, these toxic chemicals reach the Salish Sea through a variety of pathways, including stormwater runoff, atmospheric deposition, industrial and municipal discharges, and agricultural runoff.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aquatic biota are exposed to contaminants at levels that can adversely affect their health and the health of people that consume them. 		TAS staff will review the document for IT area specific information and opportunities for shared action.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The levels of some contaminants have declined in sediments and aquatic biota as a result of successful management actions. • Contaminants of emerging concern such as estrogenic chemicals and microplastics are widespread and frequently detected • Contaminant source control and cleanup have been an effective approach to reduce sediment contaminant loads in many areas. • Stormwater impacts and responses are being addressed through coordinated regional efforts. • On-the-ground remediation of contaminated sites is ongoing throughout the region. 		

Discussion/Planning/Trust Fund Board Related Advocacy Topics

DISCUSSION/ PLANNING/TFB RELATED ADVOCACY TOPICS	STATUS	SUMMARY	ISLANDS TRUST ACTIONS - PAST	ISLANDS TRUST ACTIONS - FUTURE
Land-Based Spill Preparedness and Response in B.C.- Proposed Regulations for the <i>Environmental Management Act</i> , 2016 – Policy Update Ministry of Environment	Released January 20, 2017	<p>The engagement process reiterated the importance of avoiding unnecessary duplication in order to reduce costs, improve efficiencies, and more easily understand and comply with new requirements. As a result, the Ministry will use a phase-in approach to introducing new regulations in order to allow more time for consultation with experts and impacted groups as well as to conduct further research designed to predict and prevent negative unintended consequences.</p> <p>This policy update outlines the first phase of regulations and includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Definitions for Regulated and Responsible Persons; 	<p>In 2014, Chair Luckham wrote a letter to Minister of Environment</p> <p>In 2013, Chair Luckham wrote to Minister of the Environment.</p>	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •New requirements for preparedness (spill contingency plans and testing plans); •New spill reporting response requirements; •New requirements for recovery plans 		

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		<p>over 5 years):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • provide funding to eligible recipients to educate boat owners about their responsibilities. • Will pay up to 75% of project costs for Education and Awareness projects. • Eligible recipients are: provinces, territories, municipalities and local governments; Indigenous groups, communities and organizations; marinas; academia; and, for-profit organizations and not-for-profit organizations. <p>Research (up to \$500,000 over 5 years):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • program will provide funding for research into processes and materials that help improve boat recycling and design • up to 100% for research projects. • Eligible recipients are: academia, researchers, universities, marinas or other industry and community stakeholders involved in boat design, construction and recycling. 		derelict vessel working group meeting
Updating Canada's Tentative List for World Heritage Sites	Nomination period closed January 27, 2017	Applications are being reviewed by an independent Ministerial Advisory Committee of Canadian experts in the fields of natural and cultural heritage. The Advisory Committee will recommend to the Minister of Environment and Climate Change and Minister responsible for Parks Canada those properties with strong	March 2017: That the Islands Trust Council support in principle the application of the Salish Sea Trust for nomination of the Salish Sea to Canada's Tentative List for World Heritage Sites; such support being given upon the condition that the application will not be approved without the support of the Indigenous peoples whose traditional territories include the	

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		potential for successful inscription as World Heritage Sites.	affected area. The resolution clarifies that once the First Nations in the Trust Area have expressed their support, Trust Council would then likely support the UNESCO application.	
<p>Howe Sound Management and Cumulative Effects</p> <p>Cumulative Effects Framework (CEF) Interim Policy for Cumulative Effects Assessment and Management</p>	<p>Provincial staff updated the Howe Sound Community Forum at meetings in 2016 and 2017.</p> <p>Seven Howe Sound Current Condition Reports are targeted for completion by the Spring of 2017</p>	<p>As part of the province's phased implementation of the BC Cumulative Effects Framework (CEF), FLNRO staff collaborated with local communities and initiated the Howe Sound Cumulative Effects Project in the Spring of 2015. This project will help develop a common understanding of the current and potential future condition of key environmental values in Howe Sound. Information from the project will help to inform future management and land use decisions.</p> <p>The interim policy forms the core of the Provincial CEF, which includes policy, procedures and tools to improve the consideration of cumulative effects in natural-resource decision making in BC</p> <p>The 'interim' status of the CEF policy is intended to provide an opportunity for continued engagement with First Nations and stakeholders, and for ongoing evaluation of initial policy implementation.</p>		<p>Staff will continue to monitor the Province's work regarding Howe Sound.</p>
<p>OceanWatch – Howe Sound Edition Action</p>	<p>Produced in February</p>	<p>The Vancouver Aquarium's Coastal Ocean Research Institute has produced an OceanWatch-Howe Sound Edition report. This</p>		<p>Gambier LTC will be a member of the</p>

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Plan – Task Force	2017	<p>report provides a valuable assessment of the ongoing recovery of the health of Howe Sound. A Task Force is being created with participation from each Howe Sound community. Responsibilities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify which actions in the Ocean Watch: Howe Sound Action Plan are within the mandate and reach of member communities. • Focus on the identifying selected actions by local governments for implementation and highlight potential actions that include policy integration and collaboration between member local governments and First Nations; • Contribute information on what action local governments and Squamish Nation are already undertaking toward the goals. • Recommend a process through which the selected actions get done • Complete its work within six months. 		Task Force
Coastal Douglas-fir and Associated Ecosystems Conservation Partnership (CDFCP)	Partnership is active.	<p>The CDFCP is a partnership of 40 organizations that have signed on to the CDFCP Statement of Collaboration. These members include Local Governments, Regional Governments, the Province of BC, the University of BC, several Environmental Non-Profit organizations and private landowners. To date, Islands Trust signatories include: the Islands Trust, Trust Fund Board, Gambier Island LTC, Gabriola</p>	<p>April 27, 2017 meeting: Gambier Island LTC currently working with CDFCP contractor to inform its OCP review.</p> <p>November 2015: Chair sent a letter to the CDFCP Steering Committee in support of the Conservation Strategy and indicating Trust Council's willingness to work with the CDFCP to implement the strategy as capacity allows.</p> <p>November 2015: Staff forwarded the CDFCP</p>	The Islands Trust Fund Ecosystem Protection Specialist will continue to be on the CFDCP Steering Committee.

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		<p>Island LTC, Galiano LTC and Hornby Island LTC.</p> <p>In 2015, the CDFCP issued a Conservation Strategy that will begin to address a multi-variable approach to ecosystem conservation.</p> <p>The CDFCP has some funding in place from the Real Estate Foundation of BC until May 2017, to do outreach with local governments.</p>	<p>Conservation Strategy to local trust committees and Bowen Island Municipality as a potential resource.</p> <p>March 2013: Trust Council signed on to the Coastal Douglas-fir and Associated Ecosystems Conservation Partnership (CDFCP) Statement of Cooperation.</p>	<p>Gambier Island Planner and ITF staff will meet May 29 to discuss next steps</p>

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Provincial Species and Ecosystems at Risk and Local Governments Working Group	Active since 2009.	<p>The Species and Ecosystems at Risk Local Government Working Group (SEAR LGWG) was established in the fall of 2009</p> <p>The SEAR LGWG consists of representatives from municipal, regional and provincial governments and the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM). A jointly prepared discussion paper Working Together to Protect Species at Risk: Strategies Recommended by Local Government to Improve Conservation on Municipal, Regional and Private Lands in British Columbia was completed in January 2011.</p> <p>In 2016, the Working Group struck a SEAR Charter Advisory Committee to help develop a SEAR Charter between the province and local governments to provide greater clarity on roles and responsibilities of both parties. The Charter is currently in draft form and being reviewed by the advisory committee. A SEAR Charter was one of the four short-medium term recommendations that came out of a 3-year SEAR Incentive Project, which supports the Five Year Plan for Species at Risk in B.C.</p>	<p>Marnie Eggen, Island Planner, and Jennifer Eliason, Islands Trust Fund Manager are members of the Species and Ecosystems at Risk (SEAR) Local Government Working Group (LGWG); Marnie Eggen is a member of the a SEAR Charter Advisory Committee and Jennifer Eliason is a member of the SEAR Incentive Project Committee.</p> <p>Staff provided a response to the Province’s survey of local government in 2014.</p> <p>LPS and ITF staff attended the 4th SEAR Local Government Working Group Symposium (31 Jan – 1 Feb 2017) in Victoria. The ITF Manager presented on tax incentives for conservation.</p> <p>A report from the symposium will be posted to the SEAR LGWG webpage</p>	LPS staff and ITF staff will continue to participate in the Working Group.
Provincial engagement on Species at Risk	Consultation closes November 30, 2016	Three of the actions defined in 2014 provincial Five-Year Plan for Species at Risk plan aim to strengthen the foundation of the species at risk program.	In 2016, Chair Luckham wrote a letter to BC Ministry of Environment staff.	TAS staff will continue to monitor

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Federal Consultation on I <i>Species at Risk Act</i> policies	Consultation closes November 8, 2016	Environment and Climate Change Canada is seeking input on seven draft policies on the implementation of the <i>Species at Risk Act</i> .	In 2016, Chair Luckham wrote a letter to the Canadian Wildlife Service.	TAS staff will continue to monitor
Proposed Sunshine Coast Fixed Link	BC Gov't awarded contract on Feb 3, 2016, for feasibility study. Consultation closed fall 2016, except with FN, which is ongoing	The Government of B.C. is studying the costs and benefits of a possible highway link between the Sunshine Coast and Metro Vancouver. The link could include direct bridge connections across Howe Sound islands. The costs and benefits of each route will be assessed, and compared with ferry services.	In 2016, Chair Luckham wrote a letter to the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure's consultants. In 2016, the Gambier Island Local Trust Committee Chair wrote a letter to the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure's consultants. In 2016, Ann Kjerulf, Regional Planner Manager and Aleksandra Brzozowski, former Island Planner, attended a local government staff consultation and Trustee Stamford attended an elected officials session.	Staff will monitor for release of final report.
Federal expert Panel review of federal environmental assessment processes	In progress	In September 2016, a federal Expert Panel launched a public review of Canada's environmental assessment processes. The consultation timeline is as follows: Mid-2017 – Once the Expert Panel has completed its work, the Minister of Environment and Climate Change will consider the recommendations in the Panel's report and identify next steps to improve federal environmental assessment processes.	In 2016, the Islands Trust Chair wrote to the Minister of Environment and Climate Change	TAS staff will continue to monitor
Anchorage concerns	Federal efforts to create Gabriola anchorage	The Pacific Pilotage Authority has put a hold on the proposed new Gabriola anchorages based on stakeholders' and partners' concerns regarding the consultation process	Highlights: On April 18, 2017 Chair Luckham , Trustee McConchie and Trustee O'Sullivan attended a Chamber of Shipping of BC roundtable discussion about	

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	<p>on hold.</p> <p>DFO completed a section 35 referral in June 2016.</p>		<p>anchorage issues in the Gulf Islands.</p> <p>In 2016, Chair Luckham wrote to the Prime Minister to express Council's ask for a moratorium until Transport Canada does proactive planning/mitigation and wrote to the Minister of Transport encouraging 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,</p> <p>In 2016, Chair Luckham wrote to Pacific Pilotage Authority regarding the timing of the planned public meeting about the proposed Gabriola Island anchorages.</p> <p>In 2015, Chair Luckham wrote to the Honourable Marc Garneau, Minister of Transport, re minimizing anchorage use.</p> <p>In 2015, the Islands Trust hosted a stakeholder meeting about the Plumper Sound, Cowichan Bay and proposed Gabriola anchorages to promote dialogue and increased understanding of the issues.</p>	
Capital Regional District Climate Action Inter-Municipal Working Group	The Regional Climate Action Strategy and Climate Projections for the Capital Region were released in	<p>Through the 2008 Climate Action and Adaptation Service Establishment Bylaw No. 3510, the Climate Action Program (CAP) was launched in spring 2009, and serves the region's municipalities and electoral areas by acting as a resource, hub and facilitator on both climate mitigation and adaptation issues.</p> <p>The Climate Action Inter Municipal Working Group (IMWG) was developed in 2009 as a</p>	<p>Seth Wright, Planner 2, has been a member of the working group since February 2015.</p> <p>Local Trust Committees have established GHG reduction targets in the OCPs.</p>	

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	April 2017	reporting and feedback mechanism for local government staff working on climate mitigation and adaptation related work in the Capital Region and meets quarterly.		

Environmental Assessments in/near the Islands Trust Area

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT	STATUS	SUMMARY	ISLANDS TRUST ACTIONS - PAST	ISLANDS TRUST ACTIONS - FUTURE
BURNCO Aggregate Project environmental assessment process update	Public comments on the application closed on September 28, 2016. Currently under review by EAO.	BURNCO Rock Products Ltd is proposing to construct and operate a sand and gravel mine within the Lower McNab Valley, approximately 22 kilometres (km) southwest of Squamish and 35 km northwest of Vancouver. The projected lifespan of the proposed Project is 16 years. The average estimated rate of sand and gravel production is 1,000,000 tonnes per year, with one barge (two transits) every other day.	Aleksandra Brzozowski, former Island Planner, was a member of the Environmental Assessment Office Working Group until April 2015 and rejoined the Working Group on January 2016. Trustee Stamford joined the Working Group on January 2016. In 2016, Chair Luckham wrote a letter to the BC Environmental Assessment office In 2016, 2016 Gambier LTC Chair wrote a letter to the BC Environmental Assessment office In 2013, Chair Malcolmson	Staff will continue to monitor.

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			<p>wrote a letter to the BC Environmental Assessment Office.</p>	
<p>Roberts Bank Terminal 2 Canadian Environmental assessment</p>	<p>Consultation on the application closed on October 29, 2016</p> <p>May 1, 2017</p> <p>May 16, 2017</p>	<p>Port Metro Vancouver (PMV), proposes to build a new container terminal at Roberts Bank, Delta, B.C. consisting of a new three-berth marine container terminal located at Roberts Bank, Delta, B.C. The terminal could result in 520 additional vessel transits in the Salish Sea.</p> <p>In April 2015, CEAA issued the Roberts Bank Terminal 2 Project Review Panel Final Terms of Reference which stated that the environmental assessment must also take into account the environmental effects of marine shipping associated with the project which is beyond the care and control of the proponent (PMV) and within the 12 nautical mile limit of Canada’s territorial sea. However, for the purposes of the Minister’s decision on whether the project is likely to cause significant adverse environmental effects, the environmental effects of marine shipping are not considered environmental effects and will not be subject to conditions to the proponent in any decision statement issued by the Minister under CEAA 2012. CEAA has received correspondence from number First Nations, local governments, non-profits agencies and individuals criticizing this approach.</p> <p>The Review Panel has received revised responses to its requests for additional information from the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority . The 282 page report focuses on coastal geomorphology and geotechnical/seismic information.</p> <p>The Review Panel requested that the Proponent prepare and maintain a compilation document of the Review Panel</p>	<p>In 2016, Chair Luckham wrote a letter to CEAA</p> <p>November 2015: Staff advised allies of the public comment period on the Marine Shipping Addendum to the Environmental Impact Statement</p> <p>In 2013, Chair Malcolmson wrote a letter</p>	<p>None planned.</p> <p>Staff will monitor for final report and decision</p>

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		information requests (IRs) and the Proponent's responses		

Islands Trust Requests to the Province of BC for Changes to the Islands Trust Legislation/Regulation (during past 10 years)

ISLANDS TRUST COUNCIL REQUEST	WHEN	METHOD	RESPONSE
1. Amendments to the <i>Islands Trust Act</i> that would cause four local trustees to be elected to sit on the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee and Trust Council.	July 20, 2007	Letter to Hon. Ida Chong, Minister of Community Services	May 2008 Minister Chong suggested Islands Trust hold a referendum in the Salt Spring Island LTA. If the referendum was successful, Minister Chong was willing to approve four local trustees for the SSILTC, but not to increase Salt Spring Island representation on Trust Council. Turned down by Salt Spring Island LTA referendum November 15, 2008.
2. Changes to the <i>Islands Trust Act</i> that would enable the Islands Trust Council to determine the size of its Executive Committee.	July 20, 2007	Letter to Hon. Ida Chong, Minister of Community Services	Not advanced by the Ministry. Never formally turned down.
	June 2008	Trust Council later requested a simpler amendment - that S. 20(3) of the <i>Islands Trust Act</i> be amended to increase the number of vice chairs from three to four.	
	June 2011	Raised during a meeting between the Executive Committee and the Hon. Ida Chong, Minister of Community Services	
3. The necessary changes to provincial / legislation and regulations to permit Islands Trust bodies to hold meetings through electronic or other communication facilities.	July 20, 2007	Letter to Hon. Ida Chong, Minister of Community Services	Achieved in 2009 through provincial creation of a new Islands Trust Regulation.

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4. Changes to provincial/legislation and regulations be made, if necessary, to confirm that Islands Trust bodies may perform their duties and functions while outside of the Islands Trust Area.	July 20, 2007	Letter to Hon. Ida Chong, Minister of Community Services	This topic originally arose in response to a court case, where a bylaw was quashed because the public hearing was held outside the jurisdiction. Further evaluation determined that the relevant legislation had been amended and did not apply to local trust committees.
5. Natural Area Protection Tax Exemption Program (NAPTEP) – extension to Bowen Island Municipality	October 27, 2009	Meeting with Hon. Bill Bennett, Minister of Community and Rural Development	Achieved June 2010 through minor amendment to legislation.
6. Bylaw dispute adjudication system	October 27, 2009	Meeting with Hon. Bill Bennett, Minister of Community and Rural Development	Achieved in 2011
7. Trust Fund Board corporate status and name change	June 2011	Name change raised during a meeting with the Hon. Ida Chong, Minister of Community Services	Advised by Minister to explore other solutions first to determine if can resolve challenges in other ways. Trust Fund Board has asked Trust Council Chair to seek this change in writing. Several requests have been made
	June 2011	Staff met with Ministry staff	
	November 20, 2012	Letter to Hon. Bill Bennett, Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development	Response received Feb 2013. Minister Bennett stated that changing the corporate structure of the Trust Fund Board has broad implications that require careful consideration. He further noted that government often requires a compelling reason, such as a legislative barrier to operations, prior to considering such a legislative request. He suggested that Islands Trust staff contact the Assistant Deputy Minister to arrange for further evaluation of the proposal.
	Sept 2013 and Feb 2014	Letters to Hon. Coralee Oakes, Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development	Several contacts with Ministry staff have been made, most recently in May 2015. The Assistant Deputy Minister repeated earlier advice that that the ministry does not currently have the capacity to undertake this complex a legislative change, given other provincial priorities.
	May 12, 2015	Executive Committee and senior staff met with new Assistant Deputy	

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		Minister Jay Schlosar, who has since left government	
	September 2015	Letter to Hon. Peter Fassbender, Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development	Minister Fassbender was not responsive to Trust Council's request for legislative changes. Conversation during the meeting focused on Salt Spring governance and his request that Executive Committee meet with the Aboriginal Aquaculture Association.
	November 2015	Executive Committee and CAO met with Hon. Peter Fassbender, Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development	
8. Support in principle amending the Islands Trust Act to add "First Nations" to the list of those with whom we work "in co-operation."	September 2015	Trust Council requested the Executive Committee to consider asking the Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development to make this amendment, at an appropriate time, with respect to available resources and the potential for the amendment to be achieved.	

TRUST COUNCIL DIRECTION	WHEN	METHOD	COMMENTS FROM TC MINUTES
That Trust Council approve in principle a review of the <i>Islands Trust Act</i> .	Dec 2016	Resolution TC-2016-099	Discussion included the history of past requested changes to the Act, the capacity for the review to be added to the work program, the timing of the request, the desire for sustained provincial funding to support the Trust Fund Board and the opportunity to ask for tools in order for Islands Trust to be more effective.
That Trust Council add to the 2014-2018 Strategic Plan the project of investigating the principle of amending the <i>Islands Trust Act</i> and assign the project to the Executive Committee.	Dec 2016	Resolution TC-2016-100	It was indicated that the Executive Committee would decide when it was appropriate to assign a priority to this.

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