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Via email: [christopher.marrie@dfo-mpo.gc.ca](mailto:christopher.marrie@dfo-mpo.gc.ca)

Fisheries and Oceans Canada  
Campbell River, BC

Attention: Christopher Marrie

Dear Mr. Marrie:

**Re: Beach Clean-up Day(s)**

I am writing on behalf of the Denman Island Local Trust Committee in response to your email to the Islands Trust regarding the beach clean-up event planned with aquaculture operators for the second week of September.

The Local Trust Committee discussed this event at their meeting on August 1, 2017 and also received input from representatives of the Association of Denman Island Marine Stewards (ADIMS). We note that Denman Island's marine foreshore is of critical importance to a variety of fish, wildlife and birds. It is also highly valued by both residents and visitors. We are highly supportive of reducing beach debris as this aligns with one of the Guiding Objectives of the Denman Island Official Community Plan:

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

As you continue to plan for this event, we would like to offer the following for your consideration:

- Given the foreshore's ecological importance and vulnerability to human impacts, the Committee is currently considering a bylaw to prohibit the operation of vehicles and ground-based machinery on the foreshore. Correspondingly, the Committee respectfully requests that beach clean-up activities not involve the operation of vehicles or heavy equipment on the marine foreshore;
- We encourage DFO and aquaculture operators to minimize the amount of material sent to the landfill and encourage beach or industrial debris to be recycled to the greatest extent possible;
- We would like to see beach clean-up activities occur on a regular basis and, if possible, an annual event involving DFO, aquaculture operators and the broader community. We see this as a tremendous opportunity to maintain the integrity of our beaches and also for public education and stewardship. We would encourage you to actively solicit input from community members and groups such as ADIMS, who continue to work to protect the ecological health of Denman Island's foreshores. We are able to assist in this process through the dissemination of information to community members.

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Bowen Denman Hornby Gabriola Galiano Gambier Lasqueti Mayne North Pender Salt Spring Saturna South Pender Thetis

Thank for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Susan Morrison, Chair  
Denman Island Local Trust Committee

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