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## TRUST PROGRAMS COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE

### Purpose

To outline the Trust Programs Committee's role in providing policy and planning advice to Islands Trust Council as one of three standing committees of Trust Council (See Policy 2.3.1).

### A. Definitions

n/a

### B. Policy

1. The Trust Programs Committee provides advice to the Islands Trust Council and management by:
  - 1.1 Identifying and reporting to Council on emerging issues related to the committee's areas of responsibility for Trust Council direction.
  - 1.2 Maintaining a committee work program to manage committee initiatives and Council referrals for quarterly review by Trust Council.
  - 1.3 Developing guidelines, policies and models for use by staff and local trust committees and/or Trust Council as requested by Trust Council.
  - 1.4 Preparing recommendations for inter-agency initiatives and feedback on proposed inter-agency agreements.
  - 1.5 Providing input to the continued development and maintenance of a useful research and information system.
  - 1.6 Providing recommendations for legislation reform initiatives and feedback on proposed legislative amendments and legislation.
  - 1.7 Maintaining a liaison with the Islands Trust Conservancy Board.
2. The responsibilities stated apply to the following areas:
  - 2.1 Resource Management - promoting sustainability in the use of natural resources of the Trust Area.
  - 2.2 Land Conservation - promoting protection and preservation of ecosystems throughout the Trust Area.

- 2.3 Water Management - promoting protection and preservation of groundwater and surface water supply and quality.
- 2.4 Marine Environment - promoting protection and preservation of coastal and deep water marine ecosystems.
- 2.5 Sustainable Communities - promoting liveable communities:
- with sustainable and viable local economies;
  - with housing that accommodates socio-economic diversity;
  - with regard for the carrying capacity of supporting island environments.
- 2.6 Conservation Strategy - developing strategies beyond regulatory tools to achieve the Islands Trust's Object.
- 2.7 Public Awareness/Education - promoting enhanced public awareness of environmental, economic and social sustainability in island communities and opportunities for their improvement.

**C. Legislated References**

Policy and Procedures Manual: Council Committee System Policy (2.3.1)

**D. Links to Supporting Forms, Documents, Websites, Related Policies and Procedures**

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