

2.3.iv. Policy

TRUST PROGRAMS COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE

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A: PURPOSE:

1. 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 2.3.i. Attachment 1)

B: REFERENCES:

1. Policy Manual: Council Committee System Policy (2.3.i.)

C: 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 interagency initiatives and feedback on proposed interagency 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; and
- 1.7. Maintaining a liaison with the Trust Fund 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; and
 - 2.7. **Public Awareness/Education** - promote enhanced public awareness of environmental, economic and social sustainability in island communities and opportunities for their improvement.