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Island Trust Council will review governance review report at the March 2022 quarterly meeting in Nanaimo

Lək'wəŋən, METULIYE/Victoria, B.C. – Great Northern Management, the consultants hired to undertake a governance, management, and operations review of Island Trust, has completed their work and the findings will be shared by the consultant with Island Trust Council on March 8, 2022. At that time, Islands Trust Council will review and discuss the report's recommendations and potential next steps. The meeting will be a hybrid electronic and in-person meeting. Details on how to watch or attend the meeting can be found at:

<https://islandstrust.bc.ca/event/trust-council-quarterly-march/>

Great Northern Management was contracted in May 2021 to conduct a governance, management, and operations review of Island Trust. The review included assessing Islands Trust's current performance, practices, work processes, decision-making systems and the organization's structure, policies and procedures. They also evaluated how effective and efficient the organization is at carrying out its mandate. Island Trust created a select committee to guide the review. The committee held nine meetings over the last year. Recordings of those meetings can be found at https://islandstrust.bc.ca/whats-happening/meetings-and-events/?sf_s=select The current draft of the Great Northern Management report will be available today, as part of the Executive Committee agenda package, which can be found at <https://islandstrust.bc.ca/event/executive-committee-regular-meeting-2022-03/>. Island Trust will not review the report for any errors of fact prior to it being added to the Trust Council agenda.

“We are looking forward to carefully reviewing and discussing the findings and recommendations from the governance review,” said Peter Luckham, Islands Trust Council Chair. “Island Trust Council and staff are committed to continually improving how we implement the Islands Trust's preserve and protect mandate.”

Island Trust preserves and protects the islands in the context of many complex challenges, including climate change, lack of affordable housing, freshwater limitations, hundreds of species at risk, development and tourism pressures, changing demographics, and high expectations for public engagement. The report findings and recommendations will help Islands Trust Council identify actions for Island Trust to take to modernize the governance framework and deliver the preserve and protect mandate more effectively and efficiently.

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About Islands Trust

Islands Trust is a special-purpose government representing 26,000 people living within the Islands Trust Area and 10,000 non-resident property owners. The Islands Trust Area is located within Coast Salish territory and is the homeland to over 28,000 Coast Salish Peoples who have called this place home since time immemorial.

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Islands Trust is responsible for preserving and protecting the Islands Trust Area's unique environment and amenities through conservation-oriented land use planning and regulation, education, advocacy, and cooperation with First Nations and other agencies. The area covers the islands and waters between the British Columbia mainland and southern Vancouver Island. It includes 13 major islands and more than 450 smaller islands covering 5,200 square kilometres.

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