



Gambier Island Local Trust Committee – Keats Island PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE Proposed Bylaw Nos. 153 and 154 Keats Island Shoreline Protection Project

The Gambier Island Local Trust Committee invites the public to attend a Public Hearing beginning at **10:15 am, Wednesday, July 31, 2024, Gibsons Public Market** to hear your views regarding **Proposed Bylaw Nos. 153 and 154**.

- **10:00 AM – Community Information Meeting** will be held before the Public Hearing for you to learn more about the bylaws and to ask questions
- **10:15 AM – Public Hearing**

What are Bylaw Nos. 153 and 154 about?

The purpose of these bylaws is to establish a new shoreline Development Permit Area and to amend building and structure siting and size regulations in relation to the natural boundary of the sea, as well as regulations related to marine structures.

The intent of **Bylaw No. 153**, if adopted, would be to amend the Keats Island Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 77, 2002 to establish Development Permit Area 3: Shoreline (DPA 3) for the purpose of protecting the natural environment, its ecosystems and biodiversity, and to protect development from hazardous conditions. DPA 3 would be applicable to nearshore upland and marine areas, and includes objectives to:

- regulate new development to preserve, protect and restore foreshore and marine areas;
- balance development opportunities with the conservation and restoration of the shoreline and marine environment;
- minimize disruption of natural features and processes and retain natural vegetation;
- maintain safe public use and access to important recreation areas, while not compromising shoreline ecological integrity;
- adapt to anticipated effects of climate change; and
- protect coastal properties and development from hazardous conditions.

The intent of **Bylaw No. 154**, if adopted, would be to amend the Keats Island Land Use Bylaw No. 78, 2002 to:

- limit the floor area, number and types of structures permitted within the setback from the natural boundary of the sea;
- increase setbacks between private floats and docks from side lot lines and from adjacent private floats and docks;
- reduce the permitted float area and dock ramp width; and
- include the DPA 3 guidelines, exemptions and applicability.

How Do I Get More Information?

Copies of the proposed bylaw, the Public Hearing Binder and other information is available **online** from July 17, 2024 to July 30, 2024 here: <https://islandstrust.bc.ca/island-planning/gambier/projects/> and at the Islands Trust Northern Office, 700 North Road, Gabriola, BC V0R 1X3 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., excluding statutory holidays, starting July 17, 2024.

Enquiries?

Contact the Islands Trust Northern Office, by **email:** northinfo@islandstrust.bc.ca, or **phone:** 250-247-2063.

Written submissions?

Written submissions will be accepted until 4:30 p.m., July 30, 2024 to: Islands Trust, 700 North Road, Gabriola Island, BC, V0R 1X3 or **email:** northphsub@islandstrust.bc.ca

Written submissions made in response to this notice will be available for public review.

NO WRITTEN OR ORAL REPRESENTATIONS WILL BE RECEIVED BY THE GAMBIER ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE, OR ITS MEMBERS, AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC HEARING.

**Nadine Mourao,
Deputy Secretary**