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File No.: 11-5020-30-Docks

Via email: WLRs.Minister@gov.bc.ca

The Honourable Nathan Cullen
Minister of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship
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Dear Minister:

Re: Dock Tenures in the Southern Gulf Islands

I am writing on behalf of the Islands Trust Council to express support for efforts to address cumulative impacts related to provincial dock tenure decisions in the Southern Gulf Islands, and to respectfully request to be involved in next steps regarding studies and public engagement. We are writing to you following a presentation by Rob Botterell of North Pender Island at our March 2024 Islands Trust Council meeting. We understand he has written to the Premier on this topic.

As you consider this request, please know that the legislatively prescribed object of the Islands Trust includes working in cooperation with other levels of government and through the Islands Trust Policy Statement the following principles guide Trust Council in its day-to-day planning and decision making:

- The primary responsibility of the Islands Trust Council is to provide leadership for the preservation, protection and stewardship of the amenities, environment and resources of the Trust Area.
- When making decisions and exercising judgment, Trust Council will place priority on preserving and protecting the integrity of the environment and amenities in the Trust Area.
- Trust Council will seek information from a broad range of sources in its decision-making processes, recognizing the importance of local knowledge in this regard.
- Trust Council believes that to achieve the Islands Trust object, the rate and scale of growth and development in the Trust Area must be carefully managed and may require limitation.
- Trust Council believes that open, consultative public participation is vital to effective decision making for the Trust Area.

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Preserving and protecting over 450 islands and surrounding waters in the Salish Sea

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

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Thank you for considering this request. We have multiple communication methods for reaching island communities in the Islands Trust Area and would be pleased to assist the Province with promoting public engagement efforts.

We also wish to take this opportunity to express our appreciation of the positive working relationship between our staff and the staff in the Authorizations Section of the Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,



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The Honourable Anne Kang, Minister of Municipal Affairs
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