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### Islands Trust Announces Interim Chief Administrative Officer

*Lək̓ʷəŋən*, METULIYE/Victoria, B.C. – Islands Trust is pleased to announce the appointment of Julia Mobbs as its Interim Chief Administrative Officer (CAO), effective July 1, 2024. Ms. Mobbs will be taking over from Russ Hotsenpiller, following his retirement at the end of June 2024. CAO Hotsenpiller announced his retirement in January 2024.

With over six years of experience as the Director of Administrative Services at Islands Trust, Ms. Mobbs understands the unique challenges and opportunities of Islands Trust. As Interim CAO, she will oversee the day-to-day operations of Islands Trust, working closely with staff, trustees, and partners to advance Islands Trust preserve and protect mandate.

"Islands Trust Council is delighted to announce Julia Mobbs as the interim CAO," said Peter Luckham, Islands Trust Council Chair. "Her knowledge and experience make her an excellent choice to lead the organization during this transition period. Islands Trust Council thanks Russ Hotsenpiller for his leadership and dedication to Islands Trust and wishes him the best in retirement."

The search for a permanent CAO is underway through the Islands Trust's Chief Administrative Officer Hiring Committee. Islands Trust anticipates making an announcement regarding appointment of the permanent CAO later in the year.

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Islands Trust is a special-purpose government representing over 30,000 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 many Coast Salish Peoples who have called this place home since time immemorial. Islands Trust is responsible for preserving and protecting the Islands Trust Area and its unique amenities and environment through conservation-oriented land use planning and regulation, education, and cooperation with First Nations and other agencies. The Islands Trust 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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