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Via Email: Paul.Manly@parl.gc.ca

Mr. Paul Manly, Member of Parliament for Nanaimo-Ladysmith
House of Commons
Ottawa ON, K1A 0A6

Dear Mr. Manly:

Re: Collaboration on Local and Federal Issues Affecting Islands Trust Area

Congratulations on your recent re-election success as Member of Parliament representing Nanaimo-Ladysmith. Islands Trust Council is delighted to have your representation in Ottawa.

In your role as Member of Parliament representing Nanaimo-Ladysmith, you will have many opportunities to champion the issues that coastal communities care about. We look forward to collaborating with you and your new federal colleagues on the areas of interest of local and federal government during your term. In particular, we look forward to learning from you about how we can better encourage federal decisions affecting the coastal environment including the following: oil spill prevention and response; vessel anchorages; and other threats to this precious coast.

As Chair of Islands Trust Council, I can tell you that Islands Trust was created through the provincial *Islands Trust Act*, and is a federation of special-purpose local government bodies elected by 26,000 people living within the Islands Trust Area and approximately 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. The Islands Trust area covers the islands and waters of the Salish Sea between the British Columbia mainland and southern Vancouver Island. The area includes 13 major and more than 450 smaller islands covering 5,200 square kilometers – it reflects the beauty and vitality of the Salish Sea.

The region is more than a scenic archipelago; it provides habitats for an exceptional variety of species: more than 200 types of migratory and resident birds; more than 90 species at risk (according to the Federal *Species at Risk Act*); numerous species of fish; the iconic Southern Resident killer whale; migrating gray whales; diverse intertidal life; terrestrial wildlife and vegetation. The significance and sensitivity of the region, and the need for protective measures, were internationally recognized in 1973.

The Islands Trust mandate is to preserve and protect the unique environment and amenities of the Islands Trust Area through planning and regulating land use, development management, and education. We fulfil this role in cooperation with First Nations and other agencies, and through advocacy with organizations and community.

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We warmly welcome you to visit us on one of the islands, or at a Trust Council meeting, whenever your schedule permits and we look forward to working with you in the coming years.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. Luckham', with a stylized, cursive script.

Peter Luckham
Chair, Islands Trust Council
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Attached: Map of Islands Trust Area Anchorages

cc: Snaw-naw-as (Nanoose) First Nation
Snuneymuxw (Nanaimo) First Nation
Stz'uminus (Chemainus) First Nation
Lyackson First Nation
Halalt First Nation
Cowichan Tribes
Penelakut Tribe
Lake Cowichan First Nation
Qualicum First Nation
Islands Trust Council
Bowen Island Municipal Council
Islands Trust website

Courtenay

Existing and Proposed Commercial Vessel Anchorages in the Salish Sea / Strait of Georgia

VANCOUVER

NANAIMO

Tsawwassen

U.S.A

Canada

VANCOUVER ISLAND

Duncan

Sidney

San Juan
Islands

- Islands Trust Area Boundary
- ▲ Nanaimo Port Authority Anchorages
- ▲ Proposed Gabriola Anchorages
- ▲ Southern Gulf Island Anchorages
- ▲ Vancouver Fraser Port Authority Anchorages

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