



## News Release

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### Islands Trust is inviting community members to share their views on proposed draft Policy Statement changes

Between February 25 and April 17, 2022,

Islands Trust is hosting 24 in-person engagement opportunities throughout the Trust Area.

Ləkʷəŋən, METULIYE/Victoria, B.C. – Islands Trust is inviting everyone interested in the Trust Area to share their feedback on the proposed draft updates to the Islands Trust Policy Statement.

As part of the third phase of engagement, ISL Engineering, hired by Islands Trust, will be hosting 24 in-person public engagement events and two online virtual events to share project information and offer opportunities for community members to provide input. In an effort to hear from as many people as possible, there will be events throughout the Trust Area, in addition to an [online survey](#).

#### Islands 2050 Policy Statement Amendment Project engagement dates, times and locations

##### Virtual Community Workshop

- Part 1: Tuesday, March 22, 2022  
6:00 to 8:30 p.m.
- Part 2: Tuesday, March 29\*, 2022  
6:00 to 8:30 p.m.
- Please register for this two-part workshop at:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZlof-mvrD8iHtGL02eik4pP7i4fGJ-SLKXF>

*\*Please note: the initial dates of March 15 & 22  
have been changed to March 22 & 29.*

##### Bowen Island in-person events

- Sunday, March 27, 2022 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
Event booth on the grass next to  
Union Steamship Company Marina
- Sunday, March 27, 2022 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.  
Drop-in Event at Bowen Island Library Annex

##### Denman Island in-person events

- Friday, March 18, 2022 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.  
Event booth in “downtown” Denman
- Saturday, March 19, 2022 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.  
Drop-in Event at Denman Island Community Hall

##### Lasqueti Island in-person events

- Monday, April 4, 2022 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.  
Event booth outside Provisions Cafe

##### Mayne Island in-person events

- Monday, April 11, 2022 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
Event booth outside TruValue Foods
- Monday, April 11, 2022 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.  
Drop-in Event at Mayne Island Agricultural Hall

##### North Pender Island in-person events

- Tuesday, April 12, 2022 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.  
Event booth on grass at Driftwood Center
- Tuesday, April 12, 2022 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.  
Drop-in Event at St. Peter's Anglican Parish Hall

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**Gabriola Island in-person events**

- Tuesday, April 5, 2022 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.  
Event Booth outside FolkLife Village/Nesters
- Tuesday, April 5, 2022 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.  
Drop-in Event at The Haven

**Galiano Island in-person events**

- Tuesday, April 12, 2022 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
Event booth by DayStar Market
- Tuesday, April 12, 2022 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.  
Drop-in Event at South Galiano Community Hall

**Gambier Island (virtual)**

- Monday, March 28, 2022  
6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

**Hornby Island in-person events**

- Friday, March 18, 2022 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.  
Drop-in Event at Hornby Island Community Hall
- Saturday March 19, 2022 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
Event booth outside Co-op Grocery Store

**Salt Spring Island in-person events**

- Saturday, April 2, 2022 12:00 to 4:00 p.m.  
Event booth outside Salt Spring Fire Hall #2  
(South Island)
- Sunday, April 3, 2022 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.  
Drop-in Event at Mahon Hall
- Saturday, April 9, 2022 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
Event booth at Salt Spring Saturday Market
- Sunday, April 10, 2022 5:30 to 8:00 p.m.  
Drop-in Event at Harbour House

**Saturna Island in-person events**

- Monday, April 11, 2022 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.  
Event booth by the General Store
- Monday, April 11, 2022 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.  
Drop-in Event at Saturna Recreation and  
Cultural Centre

**South Pender Island in-person events**

- Wednesday, April 13, 2022 9:45 a.m. to 1:45 p.m.  
Event booth by Church of the Good Shepherd

**Thetis Island in-person events**

- Sunday, March 20, 2022 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.  
Event booth by pub/post office
- Sunday, March 20, 2022 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.  
Drop-in Event at Forbes Hall

“Islands Trust is encouraging everyone interested in the project to participate in one of the many engagement opportunities,” said Peter Luckham, Islands Trust Council Chair. “We are looking forward to hearing people’s views.”

Project information is available on the Islands Trust’s Islands 2050 webpage, including a project video and multiple fact sheets. A recording of the March 1, 2021 Virtual Question and Answer session, which included an overview of the draft proposed changes to the Policy Statement, will be posted to the webpage along with answers to questions that didn’t get answered during the virtual event.

Feedback from this phase of engagement will be considered by Trust Council, along with responses from First Nations, feedback from referral agencies, input from trustees and staff, and consideration of the preserve and protect mandate. These inputs will inform Trust Council’s next steps and future changes to the draft new Policy Statement.

### **About the Islands 2050 Policy Statement Amendment Project**

The Islands 2050 Policy Statement Amendment Project is designed to help Trust Council plan for the challenges and opportunities that the Islands Trust Area will face over the next 30 years. The Policy Statement shapes land and marine use planning across the Trust Area, but the current version hasn't been meaningfully updated since 1994, and a lot has changed since then. Trust Council is now seeking to update the document to better address its commitments to reconciliation, climate change, and affordable housing with your help.

### **About Islands Trust**

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 over 28,000 Coast Salish Peoples who have called this place home since time immemorial. 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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