

Candidate Biography

# Islands Trust-Thetis Island

Emily Grace Mclvor

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## **Introduction**

My name is Emily Mclvor. I live and work with gratitude on Thetis Island, which was once part of Penelakut and is within Hul'q'umi'num territory. My pronouns are she/her/they/them. I am happy to offer my service for the role of Thetis Island Trustee with the Islands Trust.

## **Background**

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I have the unique perspective of having raised my children and owned several small businesses on Mayne, Galiano, Saltspring and now Thetis Island. I am actively involved in community organizations including Thetis Island Community Hall Gardening committee, Vancouver Island Fibreshed and Thetis Island Nature Conservancy.

As a sheep farmer and textile producer, I am helping develop a bioregional textile system along with farmers, designers, makers and environmental activists across our region.

I am interested in land use planning and community development and in the ways in which design and planning can create thriving communities and sustainable places. I bring attitudes of kindness, curiosity and inclusivity to my work and I hope to foster these attitudes in others.

My academic background in political science has given me an understanding of the forces that inform governmental process and I know that if I am selected to represent the people who live within the Thetis Island Trust area, I will be serving within the frame of the Islands Trust mandate, which is to protect the natural and human ecologies of the islands.

### **My Role**

I see the role of those who are elected as intermediary; listening to constituents and reflecting their needs back to staff and policies already in place to protect the environment and the public good. If I am selected for this role, I will listen to community members; advocate for their needs and find solutions that work.