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

The Honourable Ravi Kahlon
Minister of Jobs, Economic Recovery and Innovation
PO Box 9071 Stn Prov Govt
Victoria, BC V8W 9E2

Dear Minister Kahlon:

Re: Island Coastal Economic Trust expands to include southern Gulf Islands

I am writing to thank you for expanding the Island Coastal Economic Trust's service area to include Salt Spring Island and the southern Gulf Islands. This change will support community resiliency in the face of social and economic changes and will help island communities execute projects that improve community infrastructure.

We are also grateful that the Island Coastal Economic Trust is making Bowen Island eligible for the new Rural Business and Community Recovery Program which will provide full funding support for the creation of new, temporary and term positions that strengthen business and community economic recovery and resilience.

Both the Islands Trust and the Islands Trust Conservancy remain committed to the fulfilment of the Islands Trust Object to preserve and protect the Trust Area and its unique amenities and environment for the benefit of residents of the Trust Area and of British Columbia more broadly. We do this in cooperation with First Nations, municipalities, regional districts, improvement districts, other persons and organizations, and the Government of British Columbia.

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We know that island communities welcome these changes and we wish to express our gratitude for your leadership in this area.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "P. Luckham". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "P" and a long, sweeping underline.

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