



Thetis Island Local Trust Committee

Regular Meeting Agenda

Date: July 2, 2024
Time: 9:30 am
Location: Electronic Meeting

Pages

1. **CALL TO ORDER** 9:30 AM - 9:35 AM
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2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
3. **REPORTS** 9:35 AM - 9:50 AM
 - 3.1 **Trustee Reports**
 - 3.2 **Chair's Report**
 - 3.3 **Electoral Area Director's Report**
4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** 9:50 AM - 10:05 AM
5. **MINUTES**
 - 5.1 **Local Trust Committee Minutes dated April 30, 2024 - for adoption** 3 - 8
 - 5.2 **Section 26 Resolutions-Without-Meeting Report - none**
 - 5.3 **Advisory Planning Commission Minutes - none**
6. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES** 10:10 AM - 10:20 AM
 - 6.1 **Follow-up Action List dated June 25, 2024** 9 - 10
7. **APPLICATIONS AND REFERRALS - none**
8. **LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE PROJECTS** 10:20 AM - 10:30 AM
 - 8.1 **Bylaw Nos. 113 (OCP) and 114 (LUB) Adoption - Staff Report** 11 - 19
9. **DELEGATIONS**

9.1	CityWest and Ministry of Citizens' Services - Connectivity Division - Connected Coast Proposal	10:30 AM - 10:35 AM	20 - 29
10.	CORRESPONDENCE - none <i>(Correspondence received concerning current applications or projects is posted to the LTC webpage)</i>		
11.	NEW BUSINESS	10:35 AM - 10:45 AM	
11.1	Connected Coast Proposed Project on Valdez Island - Verbal Staff Report		
12.	STAFF REPORTS	10:45 AM - 11:05 AM	
12.1	Trust Conservancy Report dated March, 2024		30 - 31
12.2	Trust Conservancy The Heron, Spring Edition		32 - 35
12.3	Applications Report - none		
12.4	Trustee and Local Expense Report dated May, 2024		36 - 36
12.5	Adopted Policies and Standing Resolutions		37 - 40
12.6	Local Trust Committee Webpage		
13.	WORK PROGRAM	11:05 AM - 11:25 AM	
13.1	Active Projects Report dated June 25, 2024		41 - 41
13.2	Future Projects Report dated June 25, 2024		42 - 44
14.	UPCOMING MEETINGS		
14.1	Next Regular Meeting Scheduled for Tuesday, September 10, 2024 at 9:30 am at Thetis Island Community Centre (Forbes Hall), North Cove Road, Thetis Island, BC		
15.	ADJOURNMENT	11:25 AM - 11:30 AM	



Thetis Island Local Trust Committee

Minutes of Regular Meeting

Date: April 30, 2024

Location: Electronic Meeting

Members Present: Tobi Elliott, Chair
Peter Luckham, Local Trustee
Ken Hunter, Local Trustee

Staff Present: Renée Jamurat, Regional Planning Manager
Margot Thomaidis, Planner 2

Marlis McCargar, Island Planner
Lisa Millard, Meeting Administrator / Recorder

Others Present: There were approximately 1 member of the public in attendance.

1. CALL TO ORDER

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Chair Elliott called the meeting to order at 9:30 am. She acknowledged that the meeting was held on the territory of the Coast Salish First Nations.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

By general consent, the agenda was approved as presented.

3. REPORTS

3.1 Trustee Reports

Trustee Hunter did not provide a report.

Trustee Luckham reported the following:

- The community dock project continues to be on hold due to an archeological find; and
- Bylaw enforcement is aware of the community's concerns regarding a commercially operated floating marina at anchor in Telegraph Harbour.

3.2 Chair's Report

Chair Elliott reported the following

- She attended the Association of Vancouver Island Coastal Communities convention sessions on building wildfire resiliency in coastal communities and on ocean mapping and data visualization;
- She participated in a discussion between the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure and the Capital Regional District on collaboration and transportation issues;
- She is participating in the Islands Trust CAO hiring committee which will be contracting an executive search committee;
- The new Islands Trust policy statement will be released shortly and she will attend a committee of the whole meeting to discuss the statement;
- She continues to participate in the Culturally Committed group and recently attended a workshop on the cooking and harvesting of Indigenous foods; and
- She will be attending the upcoming June, 2024 Trust Council meeting.

3.3 Electoral Area Director's Report - none

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

A member of the public stated the following:

- He was asked by several associations to look at property taxes relative to the benefits received on Thetis Island;
- He was introducing the concept to the Local Trust Committee today and asked who he could contact for further inquiry;
- He would like to see the trend in taxes relative to the Islands Trust budget posted online in order to compare budget to actual expenses; and
- He asked how Islands Trust defines benefits in terms of outcomes and how performance is measured.

Trustee Luckham replied as follows:

- Some reporting does exist and he can forward links to materials related to Thetis Island costs over the years;
- He can provide information to the speaker regarding where answers to specific questions might be found; and
- Data and outcomes can be difficult to measure.

5. MINUTES

5.1 Local Trust Committee Minutes dated February 6, 2024 - for adoption

By general consent, the Local Trust Committee meeting minutes of February 6, 2024 were adopted.

5.2 Local Trust Committee Special Meeting Minutes dated March 7, 2024 - for adoption

By general consent, the Local Trust Committee special meeting minutes of March 7, 2024 were adopted.

5.3 Section 26 Resolutions-Without-Meeting Report dated April 22, 2024

Received for information.

5.4 Advisory Planning Commission Minutes - none

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

6.1 Follow-up Action List dated April 22, 2024

The Planner noted that the February 6, 2024 Item #1 referral to the Advisory Planning Commission is complete.

Discussion ensued regarding the November 7, 2023 item about a Letter of Understanding or Protocol Agreement between the Local Trust Committee and the Cowichan Valley Regional District.

TH-2024-012

It was MOVED and SECONDED

that the Thetis Island Local Trust Committee request staff, working with the Chair, write a letter to the Cowichan Valley Regional District indicating the Local Trust Committee's interest in revisiting the Memorandum of Understanding from 2022.

CARRIED

7. APPLICATIONS AND REFERRALS

7.1 Ministry Response Regarding Abrupt Shellfish Inc. (Crown Land File 1414783) Application

Planner McCargar noted that rezoning application submitted by Abrupt Shellfish Inc. was denied in 2023 and that a letter was sent to the Ministry to explain the denial along with a request that the Ministry reject the crown lease tenure application. A reply was sent to the LTC from the Ministry on March 27, 2024. The letter responding to the Ministry's reply is before the Local Trust Committee for edits or comment.

It was noted that the letter of response is not posted on the Islands Trust website. Staff will ensure the letters are all posted to the website.

Discussion ensued.

The following amendments to the response letter should be made:

- On page 15 of the agenda package, second last paragraph of page one add word 'that' between fact and the, and add word 'with' between nor and current so that

the sentence reads as follows: “However, the potential environmental impact and the fact that the proposed use is not compatible with upland zoning nor with current public and community uses of the locally zoned marine area is still a concern.”

- Correct the spelling of Chair Elliott’s last name on the signature line.

TH-2024-013

It was MOVED and SECONDED

that the Thetis Islands Local Trust Committee forward the letter attached in section 7.1, as amended, to the Ministry staff.

CARRIED

8. LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE PROJECTS – none

9. DELEGATIONS - none

10. CORRESPONDENCE

(Correspondence received concerning current applications or projects is posted to the LTC webpage)

10.1 Removal of Land from the Managed Forest Program

Received for information.

11. NEW BUSINESS - none

12. STAFF REPORTS

12.1 2023/24 Annual Report - Approval of Thetis Islands Local Trust Committee's Section - Request for Decision

TH-2024-014

It was MOVED and SECONDED

that the Thetis Island LTC approves the attached text for inclusion in the 2023/24 Annual Report for approval by Trust Council and submission to the Minister of Municipal Affairs.

CARRIED

12.2 Trust Conservancy Report - none

12.3 Applications Report dated April 22, 2024

Received for information.

12.4 Trustee and Local Expense Report dated February, 2024

Received for information.

12.5 Adopted Policies and Standing Resolutions

Received for information.

12.6 Local Trust Committee Webpage

Add the letter from the Ministry referenced in Item 7.1 of the minutes and the corresponding letter of response to the website.

13. WORK PROGRAM

13.1 Active Projects Report dated April 22, 2024

Received for information.

13.2 Future Projects Report dated April 22, 2024

The Planner noted that there was an opportunity for the Local Trust Committee to identify a new minor project.

Discussion ensued.

TH-2024-015

It was MOVED and SECONDED

that the Thetis Island Local Trust Committee request staff provide a report on options associated with the soil deposit and removal bylaw.

CARRIED

14. UPCOMING MEETINGS

14.1 Next Regular Meeting Scheduled for Tuesday, July 2, 2024 at 9:30 am and to be held electronically.

15. ADJOURNMENT

By general consent, the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 am

Tobi Elliott, Chair

Certified Correct:

Lisa Millard, Recorder

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Follow Up Action Report

Thetis Island

05-Sep-2023

Progress	Activity	Responsibility	Dates	Status
0%	1 Trustee Luckham to invite Ken Thomas or another elder to open a future LTC meeting.			In Progress

06-Feb-2024

Progress	Activity	Responsibility	Dates	Status
0%	1 Staff to refer the memorandum and briefings regarding Housing Statute Changes to British Columbia Legislation to the Advisory Planning Commission for information.	Chloe Straw Margot Thomaidis Sonja Zupanec	Target: 23-Feb-2024	Completed

07-Mar-2024

Progress	Activity	Responsibility	Dates	Status
0%	1 Staff to forward the Thetis Island Local Trust Committee proposed Bylaw No. 113, cited as 'Thetis Associated Islands Official Community Plan, 2014, Amendment No. 1, 2023' to the Minister of Municipal Affairs for approval.	Margot Thomaidis Nadine Mourao		Completed
0%	2 Staff to forward the Thetis Island Local Trust Committee proposed Bylaw No. 113, cited as 'Thetis Associated Islands Official Community Plan, 2014, Amendment No. 1, 2023', and proposed Bylaw No. 114, cited as 'Thetis Associated Islands Land Use Bylaw, 2014, Amendment No. 1, 2023' to the Secretary of the Islands Trust for Executive Committee approval.			Completed

Follow Up Action Report

Thetis Island

30-Apr-2024

Progress	Activity		Responsibility	Dates	Status
0%	1	Staff to work with the Chair to write a letter to the Cowichan Valley Regional District indicating the Local Trust Committee's interest in revisiting the draft Protocol Agreement and Letter of Understanding from 1998.	Michelle Backe Renee Jamurat Russ Hotsenpiller	Target: 10-Sep-2024	In Progress
0%	2	Staff to provide an exploratory report on options associated with a soil deposit and removal bylaw.	Margot Thomaidis Renee Jamurat	Target: 10-Sep-2024	In Progress



File No.: 6500-20
(Marine Areas Review
Project)

DATE OF MEETING: July 2, 2024
TO: Thetis Island Local Trust Committee
FROM: Margot Thomaidis, Planner 2
Northern Team
SUBJECT: Minor Project Finalization: Adoption of Bylaw Nos. 113 (OCP) and 114 (LUB)

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the Thetis Island Local Trust Committee Bylaw No. 113, cited as “Thetis Associated Islands Official Community Plan, 2014, Amendment No. 1, 2023”, be adopted.
2. That the Thetis Island Local Trust Committee Bylaw No. 114, cited as "Thetis Associated Islands Land Use Bylaw, 2014, Amendment No. 1, 2023", be adopted.

REPORT SUMMARY

This report provides background information on proposed bylaw Nos. 113 and 114 and recommends that the bylaws be given final adoption. All LTC conditions have been met for the proposed bylaws.

All relevant background information and staff reports pertaining to this application are posted to the Islands Trust webpage for [Thetis Projects](#).

BACKGROUND

The Thetis Islands Local Trust Committee (LTC) is considering Bylaw No. 113 and 114 that would amend the Thetis Associated Islands Official Community Plan (OCP) and Land Use Bylaw (LUB).

Both Proposed Bylaw Nos. 113 (OCP) and 114 (LUB) were given 1st and 2nd readings at the LTC meeting on November 7, 2023. Both Proposed Bylaws were then referred to First Nations, other Local Governments and Agencies, and the Advisory Planning Commission in early December 2023, with a deadline for referral feedback on January 26, 2024. Referral responses were shared with the LTC at the Regular Business meeting on February 6, 2024.

Community engagement included an electronic Community Information meeting held at a LTC Special Meeting on March 7, 2024. Immediately after the CIM, a Public Hearing was held. Proposed Bylaw Nos. 113 and 114 were given 3rd reading at the same Special Meeting held on March 7, 2024.

Proposed Bylaw Nos. 113 and 114 have been through Public Hearing, passed third reading, passed Executive Committee approval and Proposed Bylaw No. 113 (OCP) recently obtained approval from the Minister of Municipal Affairs, on June 6, 2024. The next step is for the LTC to grant final adoption.

The following resolutions were passed at the March 7, 2024 LTC Special Meeting:

TH-2024-008

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

That the Thetis Island Local Trust Committee Bylaw No. 113, cited as “Thetis Associated Islands Official Community Plan, 2014, Amendment No. 1, 2023,” and proposed Bylaw No. 114, cited as “Thetis Associated Islands Land Use Bylaw, 2014, Amendment No. 1, 2023,” be forwarded to the Secretary of the Islands Trust for Executive Committee approval.

CARRIED

TH-2024-009

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

That the Thetis Island Local Trust Committee proposed Bylaw No. 113, cited as “Thetis Associated Islands Official Community Plan, 2014, Amendment No. 1, 2023,” be forwarded to the Minister of Municipal Affairs for approval.

CARRIED

Summary of Proposed Bylaws

Bylaw No. 113 (OCP Amendment): Amending the Thetis Associated Islands OCP to expand the area of bylaw application for the OCP in the marine area surrounding Scott, Dayman, and Hudson Islands to ensure the marine uses are consistent with the OCP policies and land use designations, and the object of the Islands Trust.

Bylaw No. 114 (LUB Amendment): Amending the Thetis Associated Islands LUB to expand the area of bylaw application for the marine area surrounding Scott, Dayman, and Hudson Islands to ensure the marine uses are consistent with the Marine General “Water 1(W1)” zone.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Request more information.

The LTC can defer consideration of final reading/adoption until such a time that staff has submitted additional information. If this option is considered it may significantly delay final adoption as new information may be subject to legislative requirements for an additional public hearing.

NEXT STEPS

If the LTC concurs with the staff recommendations, staff will consolidate and update the OCP and LUB to reflect the policy and regulatory changes.

Submitted By:	Margot Thomaidis, Planner 2	June 20, 2024
Concurrence:	Renée Jamurat, RPP, MCIP, Regional Planning Manager	June 20, 2024

ATTACHMENTS

1. Proposed Bylaw No. 113 (OCP)
2. Proposed Bylaw No. 114 (LUB)

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THETIS ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE BYLAW NO. 113

A BYLAW TO AMEND THETIS ASSOCIATED ISLANDS OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN BYLAW, 2014

The Thetis Island Local Trust Committee being the Trust Committee having jurisdiction in respect of the Thetis Island Local Trust Area under the *Islands Trust Act*, enacts as follows:

1. Citation

This Bylaw may be cited for all purposes as “Thetis Associated Islands Official Community Plan Bylaw, 2014, Amendment No. 1, 2023”.

2.

Thetis Associated Islands Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 93, 2014, cited as “Thetis Associated Islands Official Community Plan Bylaw, 2014, Amendment No. 1, 2023” is amended as per Schedules “1” and “2” attached to and forming part of this bylaw.

READ A FIRST TIME THIS 7th DAY OF NOVEMBER , 2023

READ A SECOND TIME THIS 7th DAY OF NOVEMBER , 2023

PUBLIC HEARING HELD THIS 7th DAY OF MARCH , 2024

READ A THIRD TIME THIS 7th DAY OF MARCH , 2024

APPROVED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ISLANDS TRUST THIS
27th DAY OF MARCH , 2024

APPROVED BY THE MINISTER OF MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS THIS
6th DAY OF JUNE , 2024

ADOPTED THIS _____ DAY OF _____ 20____

CHAIR

SECRETARY

**THETIS ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE
BYLAW NO. 113**

SCHEDULE 1

1. Schedule “A” of “Thetis Associated Islands Official Community Plan No. 93, 2014” is amended as follows:

PART E – ADMINISTRATION AND INTERPRETATION, is amended by deleting Section 16.7.2(e) in its entirety.

2. **Schedule “B” Plan Area – Area of Application** of the Thetis Associated Islands Official Community Plan No. 93, 2014 is amended as follows:

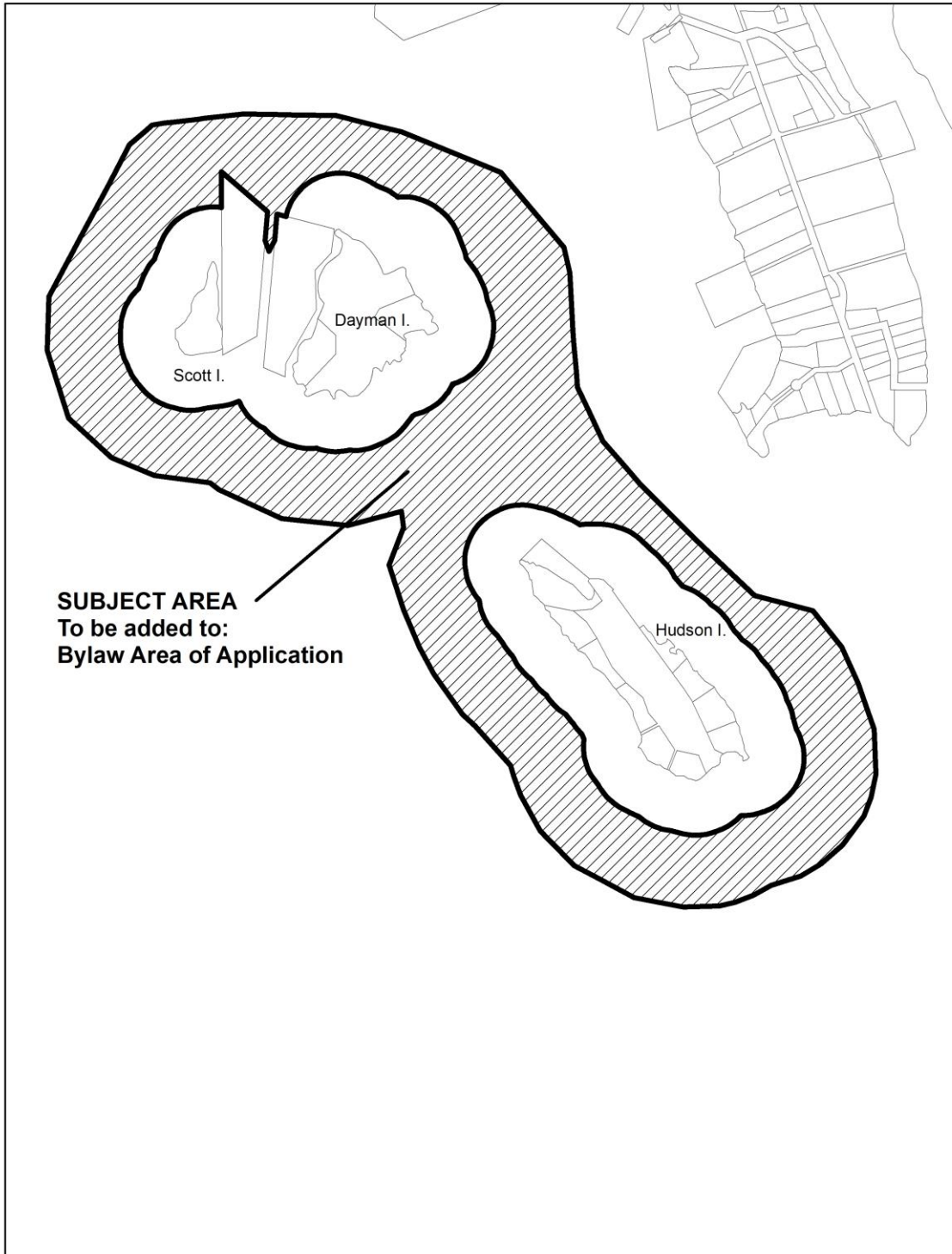
The area of application map is replaced with a new map as shown on Plan No. 1 attached to and forming part of this bylaw and by making such alterations to Schedule “B” of Bylaw No. 93 as are required to effect this change.

3. **Schedule “C” – Land Use Designation Map C** of the Thetis Associated Islands Official Community Plan No. 93, 2014 is amended as follows:

The land use designation is changed from “Undesignated” to “Marine” as shown on Plan No. 2 attached to and forming part of this bylaw and by making such alterations to Schedule “C” of Bylaw No. 93 as are required to effect this change.

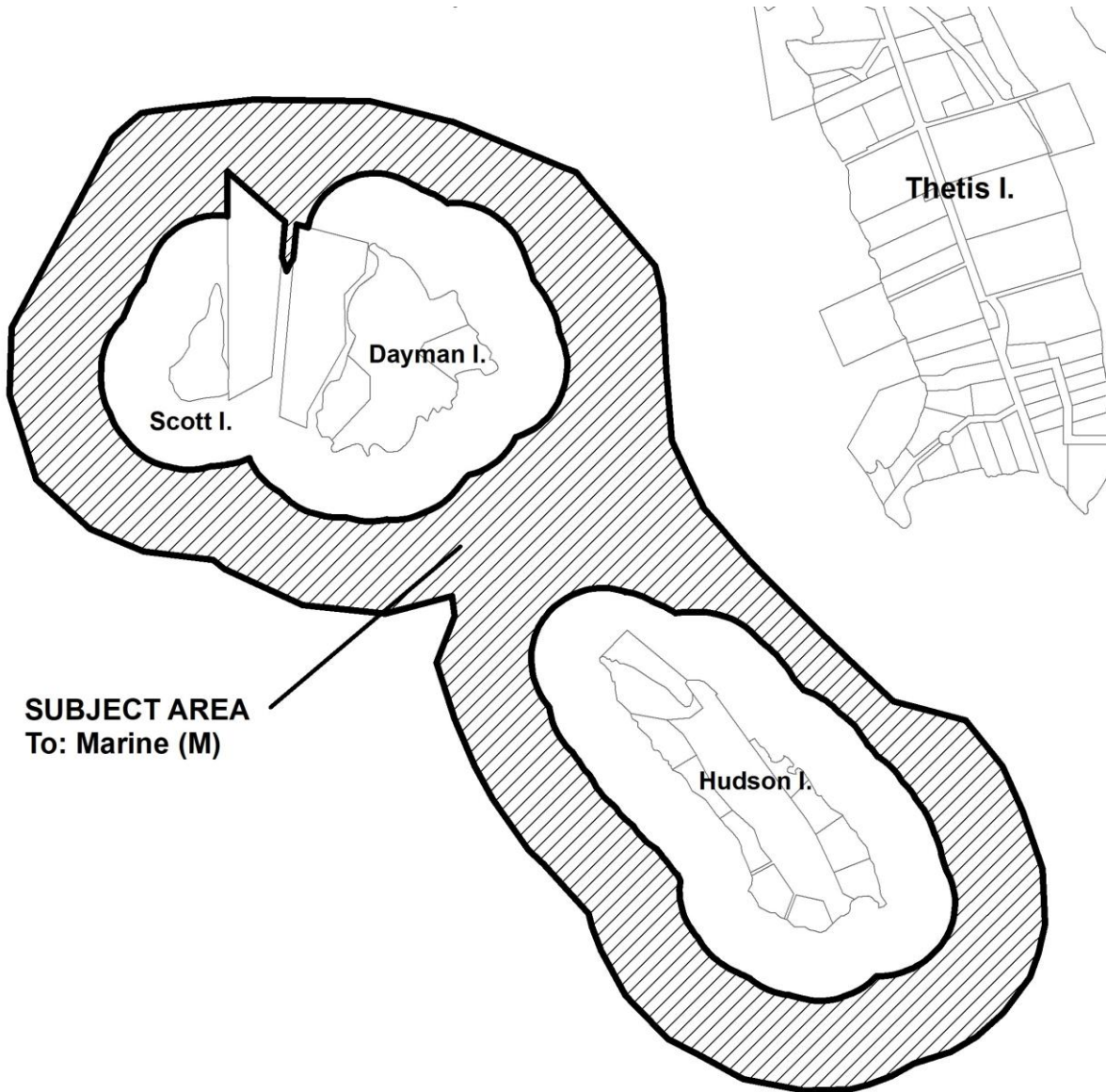
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BYLAW NO. 113

Plan No. 1



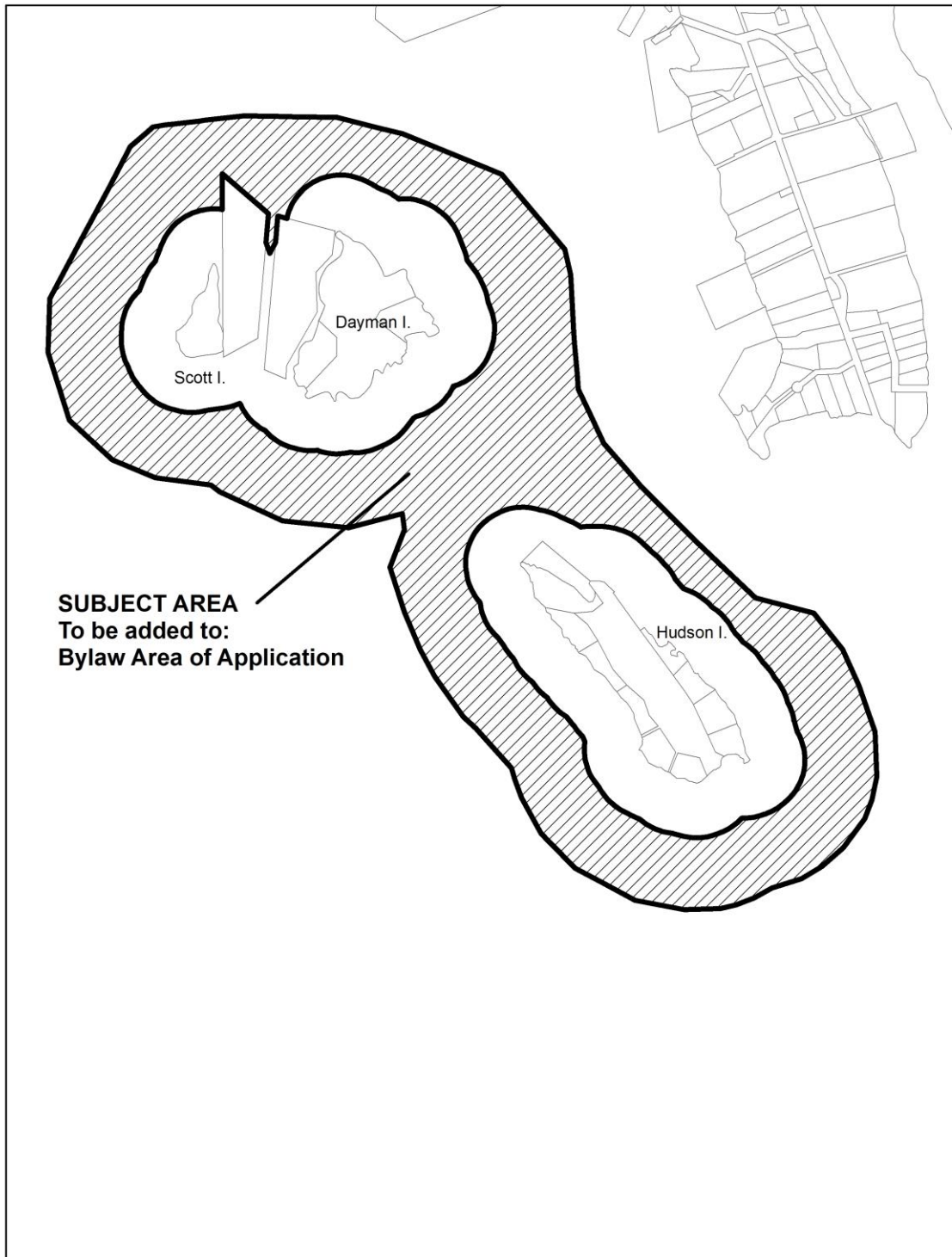
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BYLAW NO. 113

Plan No. 2



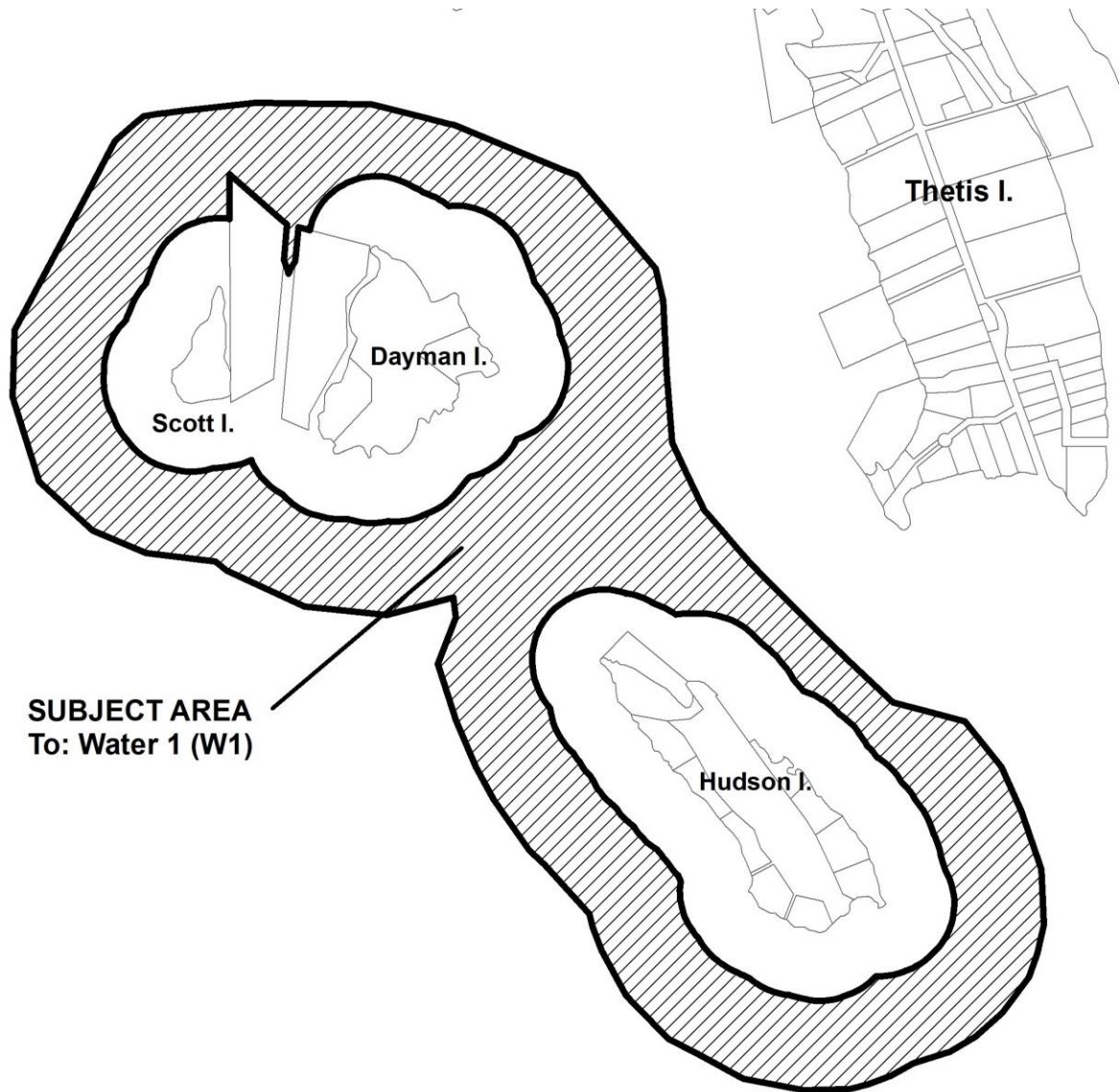
THETIS ASSOCIATED ISLANDS LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE
BYLAW NO. 114

Plan No. 1



THETIS ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE
BYLAW NO. 114

Plan No. 2



CONNECTED COAST



Bringing high-speed internet to rural and remote communities along the BC coastline, Haida Gwaii and Vancouver Island.

Date: 22-07-2024

Island Trust Thetis Island LTA - Lyackson (Valdes Island) – July 2, 2024

BROADBAND DECLARED BASIC SERVICE TO ALL CANADIAN COMMUNITIES

A new FUND
for projects
that will help
ensure that...

by 2021, 90% of Canadian homes and small businesses have access to fixed broadband services that offer:



Canadians have access to the latest wireless technology at their homes, small businesses and on the road.



CONNECTIVITY

- CRTC universal service objective that Canadians – in all communities should have access to voice services and broadband internet access services on fixed and mobile wireless networks with a target speed of 50 Mbps down/10 Mbps up and unlimited data allowance
- Funding for projects across Canada from the Connect to Innovate Program, CRTC fund, Universal Broadband fund and Economic Recovery Intake

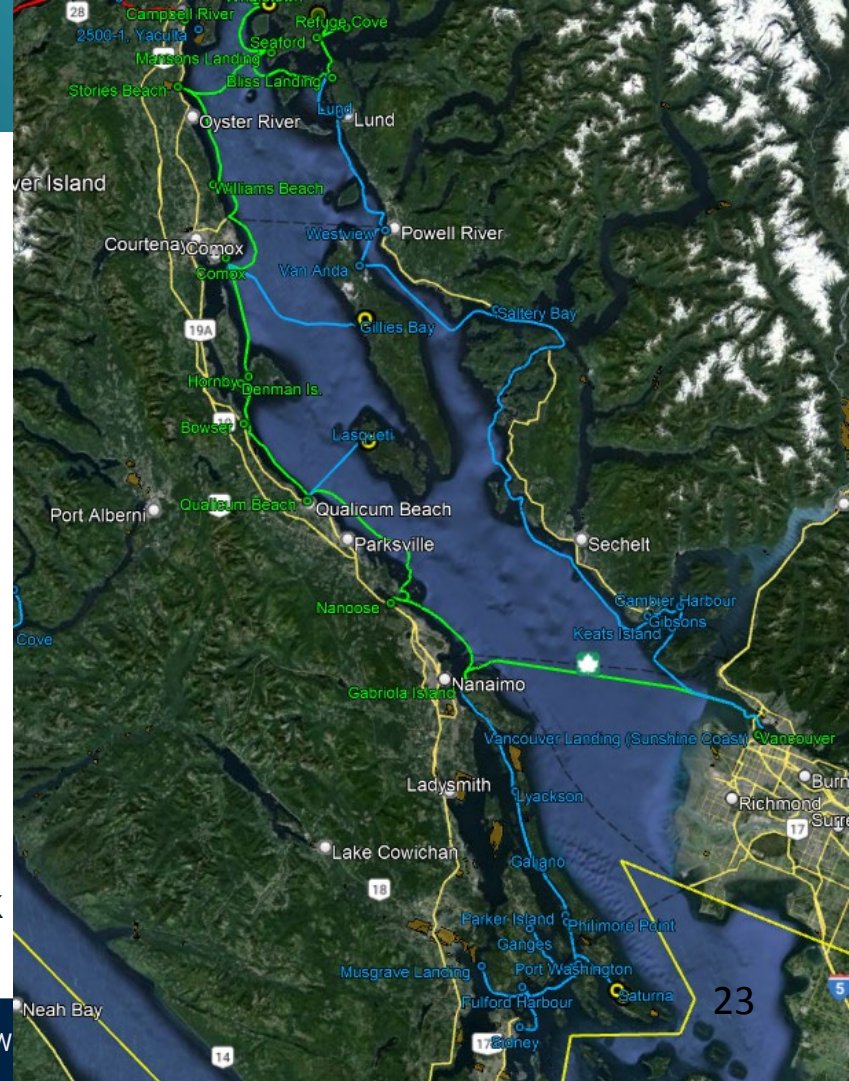
Connected Coast Project

- Through federal and provincial funding, as well as funding from the partners, the Connected Coast project (a partnership of Strathcona Regional District and CityWest) is permitting and installing a marine cable system.
- The 3400 km of cable will connect approximately 139 coastal communities along the BC coast.
- NRCan and Coast Guard funding connections to lighthouses and to new earthquake early warning sensors.
- Fibre provides the highest quality connectivity.



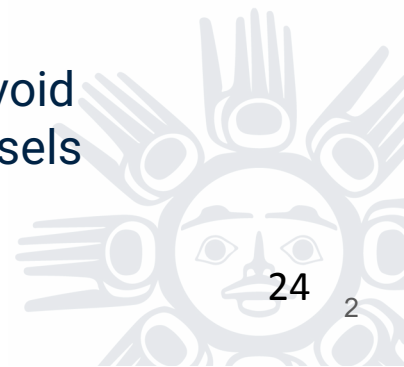
Regulatory approvals

- Cable is being planned, permitting and installed by “block” between 2021 and 2025
- Approval under *Navigable Waters Act* for some cable sections
- BC tenure for placement on seabed
- BC Park Use Permits
- Requests for Review submitted to DFO for some landings and permit under *Species at Risk Act* for salvage of Northern abalone required at some landings
- Permits under *Heritage Conservation Act* required at some landings through archaeological sites
- Impact assessments for cable sections within federal seabed / land – Indian Reserves, port authorities, Coast Guard landings, Pacific Rim Park Reserve



Engagement

- 70 First Nations –letters of support received from those nations being connected
 - Regional Districts, municipalities and local communities
 - Tenure holders
 - Pacific Pilotage Authority and BC Coast Pilots
 - Fishing associations and groups
 - Local Harbour Authorities
 - Council of BC Yacht Clubs
 - DFO Habitat and Conservation
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- We have received input on cable routing including key areas to avoid
 - Have heard interest regarding improved communications for vessels on the water and interest in future connections



Fiber and subsea deployment

- Cable is 13.5 mm x 6.3 mm
- Placed on the seabed by vessel with a splice every 10 km
- Some sections now installed
- Cable added to marine charts
- As-build files available: [Operations - Connected Coast](#)
- Cable will break at 4400 kg force
- Have a call-in number for mariners who believe they may have snagged the cable
- Have redundancy built into most of the cable route
- Quick repairs



Shore landings

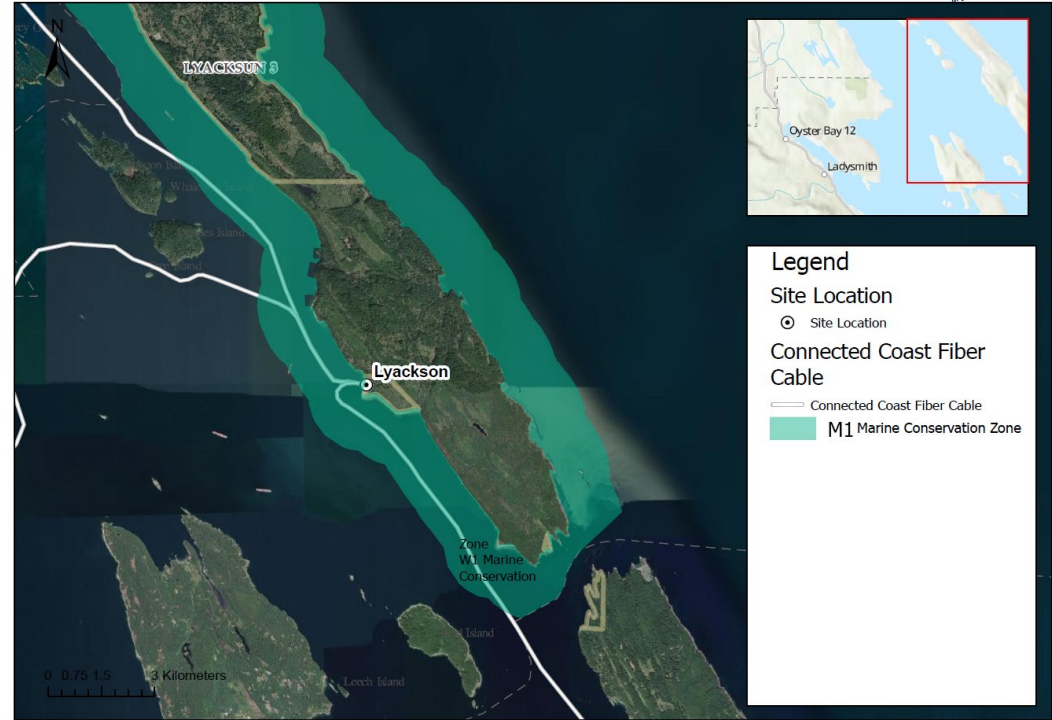
- Working around sensitive habitat
- Place split pipe over cable for protection
- Install in soft substrate, where possible and burial to 0.6m
- Cable connects to a vault and then cabinet for distribution
- Avoid important habitat, where possible
- Mitigation and monitoring



Cable Southern Gulf Islands

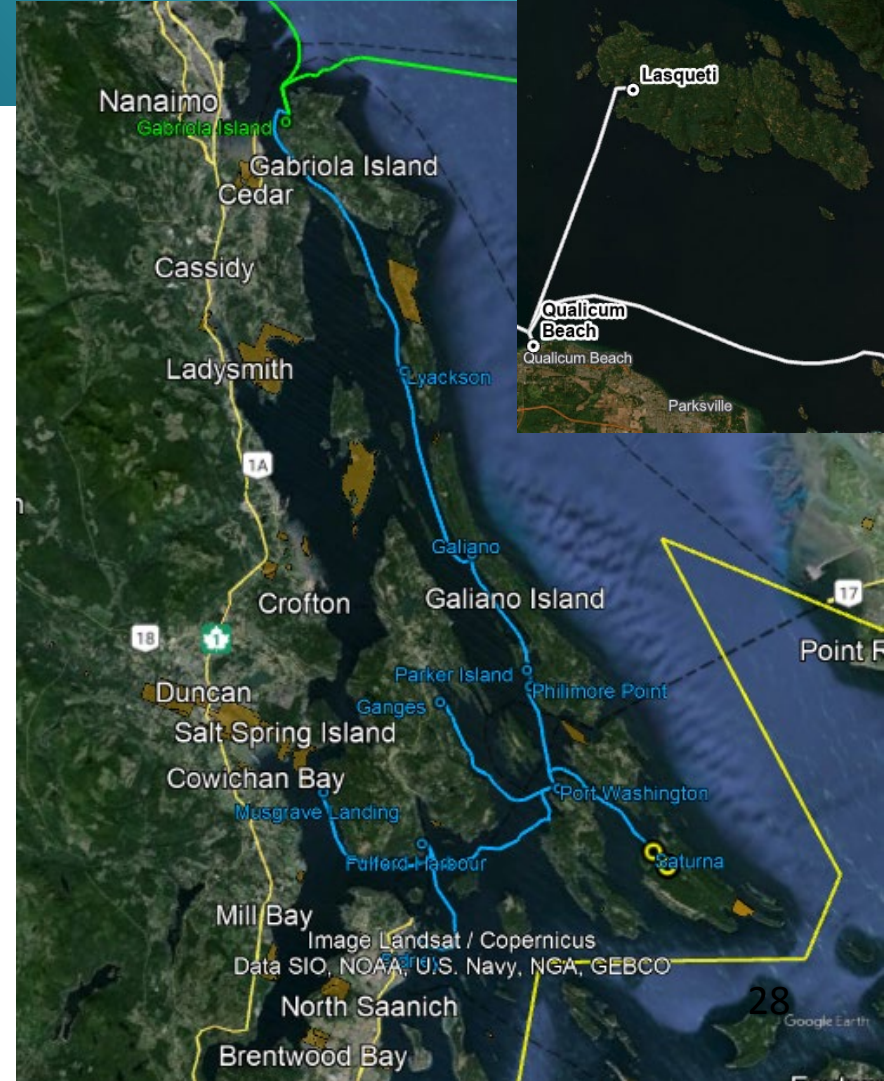
- Valdes Island Landing is on Lyackson First Nation Shingle Point IR.
- Landing has approval of the Nation.
- Marine route, landing and equipment locations have been selected by the Nation.
- The Marine conservation zone directly inhibits connecting the Nation to future utilities and the fiber network.

Connected Coast Project - Proposed Installation at Lyackson (Valdes Island)



Under Review

- BC WLRs, Archaeology Branch and Transport Canada have consulted on permits to date and are now consulting on Block 8 (Fulford to Gabriola).
- Approval under *Navigable Waters Act* for cable section Lyackson to Gabriola as within Nanaimo Port Authority jurisdiction.
- Heritage Site Alteration Permits required for split pipe through shell middens at Galiano and Phillimore Point
- WLRs consulting for links from Qualicum to Lasqueti and Comox to Texada.
- First Nations communities and reserves now connected (Klahoose, We Wai Kai, Nanoose) or to be (Lyackson on Valdez) within marine territory.



Next steps

- Any questions or comments?

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ISLANDS TRUST CONSERVANCY REPORT TO LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEES AND BOWEN ISLAND MUNICIPALITY

HIGHLIGHTS OF ISLANDS TRUST CONSERVANCY MARCH 19th, 2024 BOARD MEETING

*NOTE: For more detail on Conservancy meetings, including meeting minutes, please visit
<https://islandstrust.bc.ca/whats-happening/meetings-and-events/>*

1. STRATEGIC PLANNING/ADMINISTRATION

- The ITC Board received the Minister of Municipal Affairs' response on the Islands Trust Conservancy (ITC) Plan which included a request to engage further with First Nations regarding creation of the ITC Plan. Manager Emmings advised that any new acquisitions or covenants need to come to the Minister for review before the Board signs off on them. The ITC Board directed staff to respond to the Minister of Municipal Affairs acknowledging directions in the letter and requesting:
 - Authorization to invest ITC funds as permitted under the provisions of the *Trustee Act*
 - Direction on interaction with the Minister regarding property management of new acquisitions of covenants and nature reserves
- The ITC Board approved the Project Charter for the development of the 2026-2030 ITC Plan.
- The ITC Board amended three land securement and management policies, providing direction for early First Nations engagement prior to approval of securement projects.
- Trustee Elliot provided updates of interest to the ITC Board from Executive Committee including:
 - Executive Committee's interest in continuing to meet with Islands Trust Conservancy to strategize on how to gain support from the province
 - ITC presence at the 50th anniversary celebration of Islands Trust on Salt Spring Island
- The ITC Board requested that Executive Committee set aside time for an ITC presentation to Trust Council at the June 2024 meeting
- Trustee Gauvreau provided updates of interest to the ITC Board from Governance Committee including:
 - The roles and responsibilities of the committee to oversee the organization's governance structure, ensuring transparency and efficiency, and providing recommendations to Trust Council
 - The Committee is currently reviewing the 2022 governance review, which requires input from staff and trustees
 - The report needs to be reviewed and discussed at Trust Council before a letter is drafted to the province



2. COVENANT AND PROPERTY ACQUISITIONS

- The ITC Board approved a conservation proposal for the Doris McHardy NAPTEP conservation covenant on North Pender Island, subject to review of First Nations responses and Ministerial approval.
- Manager Emmings provided the Board with a status update on public applications for Crystal Mountain Nature Reserve, Robert Leader NAPTEP Covenant, and Koontz NAPTEP Covenant following the decision to decline approval of the ITC Plan by the Minister of Municipal Affairs.

3. COVENANT AND PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

- The ITC Board instructed staff to proceed with the development of a risk management policy for all nature reserves, which includes warning users of the risk of danger trees.
- The ITC Board directed staff to begin work on signage for the S'ul-hween X'pey (Elder Cedar) Nature Reserve on Gabriola Island, to address risk management efforts.

4. FUNDRAISING AND CONSERVANCY SUPPORT

- The ITC Board approved a contribution of \$3,500 to support the 2024 Salish Sea Conservation Forum on Galiano Island.
- The ITC Board approved the request from the Galiano Conservation Association to install a water meter at the existing drilled well on Trincomali Nature Sanctuary to log water levels and temperature data to inform a water conservation project on Galiano Island. This approval is subject to:
 - Proper installation as guided by the Water Sustainability Act and Groundwater Protection Regulation regarding work in and around groundwater wells
 - Removal of all equipment at the end of the project

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A newsletter from the Islands Trust Conservancy, protecting islands in the Salish Sea | islandstrust.bc.ca/conservancy

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What is a Nature Reserve?



 SCAN ME

ITC Nature Reserve on Salt Spring Island within the territory of many Coast Salish Nations.

Photo: Islands Trust Conservancy

For links and additional media, visit the Heron Newsletter online.

www.islandstrust.bc.ca/conservancy/heron-newsletter/

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ERICA WHEELER (L), MIKE RICHARDS (R)
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HERBACEOUS ECOSYSTEM
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Team Members p. 3

We Want to Hear
From You p. 4

The Herons Return to Salt Spring Island

It was a warm afternoon in the summer of 2022 when Nuala Murphy, Islands Trust Conservancy's Property Management Specialist, was on her last monitoring visit of the day at one of ITC's properties on Salt Spring Island. As she walked down the trail from the road, joined by our summer Conservation Technician and a staff member from Salt Spring Island Conservancy, they all stopped as they heard sounds coming from the trees above them. Looking up, they saw three large and messy nests, and on the ground, broken shells.

"I felt so lucky to be there that day as the Herons hadn't been seen in years."

– Nuala Murphy, Property Management Specialist,
Islands Trust Conservancy



GREAT BLUE HERON. PHOTO: L. WILCOX

As they pulled out their phones to record the sounds, a Great Blue Heron swooped into the nest, returning to feed the hungry babies crying out. Seeing the Great Blue Herons return is one of many examples of species that have been conserved through the creation of an ITC Nature Reserve.

What is a Naure Reserve?

The purpose of Islands Trust Conservancy's Nature Reserves is to preserve and protect natural ecosystems and species forever. In her role, Nuala undertakes activities in the Nature Reserves including monitoring, surveys, research, and trail maintenance to preserve the biological integrity of the protected areas.



COMMUNITY LEARNING IN AN ITC NATURE RESERVE.
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14 of ITC's Nature Reserves are not open to the public. In our 20 public Nature Reserves, we welcome visitors, and allow activities including hiking on trail, bird watching, and dog walking on leash. To limit human impact in the unique and sensitive places we protect, we don't allow camping, fires, horseback riding, cycling or the use of motorized vehicles. Thank you for treading lightly!

Reflecting back on that moment of seeing the Heron two years ago, Nuala is reminded that our health and well being is inextricably linked to the health and well being of species and ecosystems. "When we work together to preserve these protected areas, we're ensuring not only their survival, but our own, and that brings me hope and encourages me to keep going."

Learn more about ITC Nature Reserves at <https://islandstrust.bc.ca/conservancy/protected-places/>.



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Islands Trust and Islands Trust Conservancy respectfully acknowledge that the lands and waters that encompass the Islands Trust Area have been home to Indigenous peoples since time immemorial and that their deep connection to the islands continues to this day. We are committed to reconciliation, to upholding the rights of Indigenous peoples, and to working together to preserve and protect this ecologically, culturally, and spiritually significant region in the Salish Sea. The Islands Trust Area is located in the treaty and territorial lands and waters of the BOKEĆEN, Cowichan Tribes, K'ómoks, Lyackson, MÁLEXEL, Qualicum, scəwəθən, səlilw'ətəl, SEMYOME, shishálh, Skwxwú7mesh, Snaw-naw-as, Snuneymuxw, Songhees, Spune'luxutth', STÁUTW, Stz'uminus, laʔəmen, Ts'uubaa-asatx, Wei Wai Kum, We Wai Kai, W JOLELP, WSIKEM, Xeláltxw, Xwémalhkwx, Xwsepsum, and xʷməθkʷəy.

Meet our New Team Members



ERICA IN GRISWOLD PASS IN THE COAST MOUNTAINS.

Erica Wheeler, Species at Risk Program Coordinator

Introducing Erica: nature-lover, plant enthusiast, and beginner knitter. Erica grew up at the base of Mount Seymour on the unceded territory of the Cayuse, Umatilla, Walla Walla, səl ilwəta ʔ təməxʷ (Tseil-Waututh), Skwxwú7mesh-ulh Temíx w (Squamish), šxʷməθkʷəy̓əma ʔ təməxʷ (Musqueam), and S'ólh Téméxw (Stó:lo) Nations, spending time outside on the Salish Sea or in the rainforest. “It’s a place that very much feels like home.” Erica has worked as a tree planter, and most recently, a Botanist, studying plant species at risk. She used DNA to understand genetic variation within species at risk, and whether genetic variation can be bolstered to increase survival in the face of threats such as climate change.

In her spare time, Erica enjoys swimming in the ocean, hiking in the alpine, and jamming out to Songbird by Fleetwood Mac. Ask Erica about botanizing, also known as “doodling along and looking for cool plants,” and her favourite species at risk, the slim-leaf onion (*Allium amplexans*). Connect with Erica today to learn more about our Species at Risk Program at SAR@islandstrust.bc.ca.

Mike Richards, Strategic Fund Development Specialist

When asked to describe himself in three words, Mike shared that he is a knowledge-seeker, outdoor-lover, and eternal optimist. Originally from Australia, Mike came to Canada in 1997 and has lived in the Gulf Islands for 26 years. “I have a deep love for this area and the biodiversity in the region.”

Mike came to Islands Trust in 2014 as the Grants Program Manager excited to contribute to the preserve and protect mandate. When the opportunity became available to lead Strategic Fundraising at the Conservancy, he jumped at it! He is looking forward to strengthening relationships with landowners, donors, and organizations in supporting them to make an impact and give back to the islands we love.

Ask Mike about his love of squirrels, fear of bears, and his adventures travelling the Gulf Islands in his sailboat. Connect with Mike today to discuss strategic giving workshops, estate planning, and leaving a gift in your Will at itcmail@islandstrust.bc.ca.



MIKE PARTAKING IN ONE OF HIS FAVOURITE PASTIMES; SAILING THE ISLANDS IN THE SALISH SEA.

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We want to share your story about why you supported Islands Trust Conservancy through protecting land, donating or helping out in other ways. Contact our Communications Specialist to have your story featured in a Heron Newsletter.

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Islands Trust
 LTC EXP SUMMARY REPORT F2025
 Invoices posted to Month ending May 2024

670 Thetis	Invoices posted to Month ending May 2024	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Spent</u>	<u>Balance</u>
LTC Local				
65200-670	LTC - Local Exp - LTC Meeting Expenses	<u>1,550.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,550.00</u>
TOTAL LTC Local Expense		<u>1,550.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,550.00</u>
Projects				
73001-670-4128	Thetis Unzoned Marine Area LUB Amendment	<u>1,000.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,000.00</u>
TOTAL Project Expenses		<u>1,000.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,000.00</u>

Thetis Island Local Trust Committee Policies & Standing Resolutions

No.	Meeting Date	Resolution No.	Issue	Policy
1.	July 3, 2012	TH-2012-003	Professional Minute taker for APC meetings	It was MOVED and SECONDED that the Thetis Island Local Trust Committee authorizes the payment of funds from its local expense account to pay for a minute taker for Advisory Planning Commission meetings.
2.	August 28, 2018	TH-2018-036	Suspension of enforcement action regarding unlawful non-tourist accommodation at 49 Harbour Road	It was MOVED and SECONDED that the Thetis Island Local Trust Committee adopt the following standing resolution: 1. That whereas the Thetis Island Local Trust Committee intends to facilitate a community process to consider allowing Temporary Use Permits (TUP) to permit temporary non-tourist accommodation use, staff are directed to take no enforcement action against properties where temporary accommodations used for non-tourist accommodation exist. In particular, staff are directed to suspend enforcement action regarding unlawful non-tourist accommodation at 49 Harbour Road, Strata Lot B, District Lot 1, Thetis Island, Cowichan District, Strata Plan EPS644; together with an interest in the Common Property shown in proportion to the unit entitlement to the Strata Lot show on Form V. PID 028-987-691. 2. That nothing in this enforcement policy should be interpreted as giving permission to any party to violate Thetis Island Land Use Bylaw No. 89 and the Thetis Island Local Trust Committee may change this policy at any time and may give direction to commence enforcement activities with respect to the identified properties at any time without notice. That unless the Thetis Island Local Trust Committee extends the effective period, this enforcement policy expires on July 30, 2019, or when the temporary use permit review project is complete, whichever is the sooner.
3.	August 28, 2018	TH-2018-041	Non-medical cannabis retail applications	It was MOVED and SECONDED that the Thetis Island Local Trust Committee adopt the following standing resolution with respect to the processing of non-medical cannabis retail license applications: • Proposed or amended licenses for non-medical cannabis retail establishments require an application to the Local Trust Committee. • The application process shall comprise a public consultation component, which includes at least one notification to neighbours, one public meeting, posting of public notices and one advertisement in a local periodical.

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				- The public consultation process shall be determined by the Local Trust Committee after initial review of the proposal. - However, as a minimum, the local trust committee will mail or otherwise deliver a notice to all owners and residents of properties within a 500 metre radius of the subject property where the establishment is proposed at least 10 days before adoption of a resolution providing comment on the application. The required notice shall include the following information: - Name of the applicant and a description of the proposal in general terms - The location of the proposed establishment and the subject site - The place where, date and time when, both a public meeting will be held and a resolution of the Local Trust Committee considered. - The name and contact information of the Islands Trust planning staff member who can provide copies of the proposed or amended license application - How public comments may be submitted to the Local Trust Committee.
4.	December 12, 2018	TH-2018-053	Cannabis License Applications	It was MOVED and SECONDED that the Thetis Island Local Trust Committee adopt the following standing resolution: that the Thetis Island Local Trust Committee requests that Notices of Intention to Apply for a Federal Cannabis License be forwarded to the Local Trust Committee upon receipt by the Islands Trust.
5.	February 22, 2019	TH-2019-020	Electoral Area Director	See Item 9 below.
6.	April 23, 2019 Updated September 28, 2021	TH-2019-026 TH-2021-033	LTC to engage in Reconciliation with local First Nations, governments and the island community	It was MOVED and SECONDED that the Thetis Island Local Trust Committee adopt the following standing resolution: Whereas the Local Trust Committee seeks to engage in Reconciliation with local First Nations, governments and the island community by honouring the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Calls to Action, United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, Draft Principles that Guide the Province of British Columbia's Relationship with Indigenous Peoples, and Islands Trust First Nations Engagement Principles, the Local Trust Committee endeavours to: a) Annually, write a letter to First Nations, (re)introducing trustees and staff and provide a schedule of known Local Trust Committee meetings for the

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				upcoming year, as well as, provide an update of current projects and advocacy activities; b) For various Local Trust Committee meetings, invite elders from local First Nations to attend and provide a traditional welcome to the territory; c) Work with First Nation governments on cooperative initiatives, including and not limited to, language, place names, territorial acknowledgements, and community education on Coast Salish and local First Nations' cultural heritage and history; d) Work with First Nation governments on engagement principles for inclusive land use, marine use, and climate change planning; advocacy, protection and stewardship; and knowledge and information sharing protocols; e) Establish and maintain government to government dialogue with First Nations, now and into the future, in recognition of First Nations rights and title, treaty, and territorial lands and waters within the Islands Trust Area.
7.	February 11, 2020	TH-2020-001	Electoral Area Director Reports	See Item 9 below.
8.	September 28, 2021	TH-2021-033	Review TH-2019-026 and update wording	**See TH-2021-033 pertaining to Item 6 above That the Thetis Island LTC request staff to review standing resolution no. TH-2019-026 with respect to current language.
9.	September 28, 2021	TH-2021-034	Electoral Area Director Reports	It was MOVED and SECONDED, that the Thetis Island Local Trust Committee request staff to consolidate Standing Resolution Nos. 5 and 7 (TH-2019-020 and TH-2020-001) as follows: - that the Thetis Island Local trust Committee request staff to circulate future meeting agendas to the Electoral Area G Saltair/Gulf Islands Director and provide an invitation to attend the Local Trust Committee meetings or provide written reports to the Local Trust Committee; and - that the written reports will be posted to the website.
10.	July 5, 2022	TH-2022-024	First Nations Consultation re: Strategy for Antenna Systems	It was MOVED and SECONDED that the Thetis Island Local Trust Committee adopt the following standing resolution with respect to First Nations consultation in accordance with the "Strategy for Antenna Systems" in the Local Trust Area: a. The proponent will consult with the Local Trust Area representative during the pre-consultation phase to determine proximity of the proposed antenna system to known archaeological sites and/or areas of archaeological potential and obtain a list of First Nations rights and title holders;

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				b. The proponent is recommended to undertake consultation during the pre-consultation phase with the Islands Trust and a First Nations cultural knowledge holder for the siting of the proposed antenna system as it relates to cultural and sacred sites; c. The proponent will obtain and provide a BC Archaeological Information request response from the BC Archaeology Branch to confirm proximity of the proposed antenna system to known archaeological sites and/or areas of archaeological potential including permit requirements under the <i>Heritage Conservation Act</i>; d. The proponent will obtain and provide an Archeological Impact Assessment for antenna systems proposed to be sited on or within 100 metres of a known archaeological site or cultural/sacred site identified by a First Nations cultural knowledge holder; and e. The proponent will provide written notice—including, if applicable, the Archeological Impact Assessment—sent by regular mail or hand delivered to all First Nations rights and titleholders identified during the pre-consultation phase.

Active Projects Report

Thetis Island

1. *Minor Project - Un-zoned Marine Areas*

Responsible

Dates

Explore zoning the un-zoned area of water between the Thetis Associated Islands Planning Area and the Thetis Islands Planning Area (adjacent to Scott & Dayman Islands).

Rec'd: 31-Aug-2021

Target: 30-Nov-2024

2. *Minor Project - Shoreline and Coastal Protection Community Consultation Project*

Responsible

Dates

Advocacy, communication.

Include a community discussion and dissemination of information.

*not yet initiated.

Rec'd: 04-Jun-2023

Future Projects Report

Thetis Island

1. <i>LUB</i>	Responsible	Date Received
N/A		30-Aug-2022
2. <i>Administrative</i>	Responsible	Date Received
The project would develop a Soil Deposit and Removal Bylaw for Thetis Island. The bylaw would regulate the removal of soil from and the deposit of soil on lots by possibly requiring a permit under certain conditions. Include consideration of Salt Spring and North Pender islands Soil Removal and Deposit Bylaws; on-island composting facilities; reduction of invasive species from off-island soil.		30-Aug-2022
3. <i>Advocacy and Communications</i>	Responsible	Date Received
LOU: Letter of Understanding between the Thetis LTC and the Cowichan Valley Regional District		30-Aug-2022
4. <i>OCP</i>	Responsible	Date Received
Active Transportation		30-Aug-2022
5. <i>Bylaw Enforcement</i>	Responsible	Date Received
N/A		30-Aug-2022

Future Projects Report

Thetis Island

6. OCP & LUB

Responsible

Date Received

30-Aug-2022

Possible Thetis OCP & LUB Amendments

Rainwater:

- rainwater storage requirements

Watershed Protection:

- Island-wide watershed protection

First Nations:

- Early and meaningful engagement
- Acknowledgement language
- De-colonizing document language
- Incorporating FN recommended language

Housing:

- Affordable Housing Strategy: Housing for young families, workers and seniors;

community engagement;

- TUPs to include non-tourist accommodation;

- Support the construction of a storage building prior to construction of a principal

dwelling;

- short-term vacation rentals of principle dwellings in the R-2 zone;

- strategies for alternative dwelling units;

- ferry workers workforce housing;

- the potential to rezone areas that are suitable for increased density.

Fence height and Derelict vehicles regulations

Future Projects Report

Thetis Island

Housekeeping / Technical Amendments to include:

- 4.3(d) amend to say: In addition to s.4.3(a), (b), and (c)...

Shoreline:

- Sea Level Rise
- Wharves

Incorporation of the Regional Conservation Plan into Thetis LTA OCPs and LUBs:

- Investigate and provide recommendations on how to incorporate the plan elements into Thetis, Valdes, and Associated Islands OCPs and LUBs.

Associated Islands OCP & LUB Review:

- Develop new OCP and LUB to replace CVRD Bylaw 110, and to include other islands with no zoning. Scope does not include Valdes Island, but includes establishing a Memo of Understanding with the Stzuminus Nation for a stakeholder process regarding Bute and Dunsmuir Islands.
-