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Via email: invasive.plants@gov.bc.ca

Drinkwater Environmental Services
Bob Drinkwater
309-33718 King Road
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Re: Pesticide Use Permit Application No. 402-0674-19/22

Dear Mr. Drinkwater,

Thank you for providing information on the Province's application for a Pesticide Use Permit to authorize herbicide application to aid in the eradication of invasive intertidal cordgrasses (*Spartina* spp.) within the Denman Island Local Trust Area, and for the opportunity to comment on this application.

At the February 7, 2019 regular meeting the Denman Island Local Trust Committee (LTC) considered this application and passed the following resolution:

DE-2019-017

that the Denman Island Local Trust Committee send a letter signed by the Chair in response to the consultation on the application for a Pesticide Use Permit to eradicate invasive intertidal cordgrass infestations, expressing support for manual removal techniques only, on Denman Island.

Please note that the Local Trust Committee's resolution aligns with the Denman Island Official Community Plan advocacy policy, "*Government agencies should discourage the use of chemical biocides in the Denman Island Trust Area*", and that Denman Island has previously been excluded from the Pesticide Use Permit boundary (Permit No. 138-0211-2016/2019).

Sincerely,

Sue Ellen Fast
Chair, Denman Island Local Trust Committee

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