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Dear Mr. Sanchez,

Further to your recent letter to Bowen Island Municipal Council indicating that logging is planned for 28% of our island, I write to advise that I am deeply opposed to logging activity on Bowen Island that does not comply fully with the parameters set out in the BIOCP. My preference and that of my family, is actually “no logging”, but we do understand that logging can occur in an ecologically sensitive manner that will not deleteriously affect our health and economy in terms of recreation, tourism, water supply and quality, transportation infrastructure, noise levels, views, and so on if done carefully and minimally - although that is not likely what would occur if the planned logging goes ahead without adequate consultation and respect for community input. Why one would propose to log this tiny jewel of an island - our home, and a recreation playground for thousands of others - when you are going to face a groundswell of resistance from both residents and “summer people” alike confounds me; there are surely other areas of the province where logging would be greeted favourably.

You proposed an open house to answer questions we may have, but you scheduled it on July 30 when many people will be away for vacation. It was also poorly advertised. Further, you have not yet met with our Council but you propose to close the window for public comments by September 6. I don’t understand either the timing or the urgency of this matter. A year’s lead time for consultation with our highly engaged and concerned citizenry and any other affected parties would not be too long in this case for us to fully understand what is proposed and to try to seek a solution that makes sense for everybody.

I urge the Province in the strongest terms to remove Bowen Island in perpetuity from the list of areas of BC to be harvested. Failing that, please engage in a meaningful consultation of sufficient duration to allow concerned parties to receive and provide information, and to consider potential ways to make this situation work for all of us.

Yours truly,

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