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Bowen Island, BC V0N1G2  
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Mayor and Council  
Bowen Island Municipality  
981 Artisan Lane  
Bowen Island, BC V0N 1G2

Dear Mayor and Council;

I am writing to express my concern about planned industrial-scale logging on Bowen Island. As a long-time resident of Bowen Island, I am acutely aware of the crucial need for water management and conservation during our protracted summer droughts. Our island is entirely dependent upon rainwater collected during the winter months, and every year our water table is dropping. The proposed logging developments encompass much of our watershed and encroach on our ecological reserves. Large scale timber harvesting would pose a real threat to our existing aquifers both in water quality and quantity. We need to conserve our forests to protect our water supply. Our community's survival is at risk if logging is allowed to occur.

I urge you to remove all of Bowen Island from the list of possible logging sites.

Sincerely,

Aubin van Berckel