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To: Mayor Council
Cc: Bowen Island Conservancy; The Honourable Sturdy, MLA
Subject: Logging on Bowen

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Dear Mayor and Council,

I am very concerned to learn that BC Timber Sales are preparing plans to log some areas of Bowen.

1. Bowen is its own watershed. We have water restrictions in the summer because the water table is limited. Logging would both contaminate water, and accelerate the run off, depleting the aquifers.
2. Our roads are only recently in the process of being remediated, at great expense to taxpayers on Bowen, from the logging that took place at CRC. Any logging on Bowen will again damage our fragile roads which are not able to sustain heavy logging-truck traffic.
3. Part of Bowen's economy depends on its recreational facilities, including natural hiking. Logging will affect such recreational use directly.
4. Another part of Bowen's attraction as a tourist destination is the wild-life which will suffer from logging.
5. Much of the terrain on Bowen is steep and much of the soil vulnerable to being washed away by the winter rains. It is not suitable terrain to support sustainable logging. For example, look at what happened around Uclulet, with soil washed away impeding regrowth, and streams blocked.
6. Any commercial activity on Bowen's Crown Lands will reactivate First Nations land claims.

Logging on Bowen is **not** a justifiable use of Crown Lands, and should be strenuously opposed.

Sincerely,

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