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Subject: Proposed Logging on Bowen Island

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Good morning Mr. Sanchez,

I am a full time resident of Bowen Island writing in opposition to the proposed logging of 1441 Ha of Crown Lands on Bowen and request a rescheduling of the public meeting on July 30th until September.

Our island is located in the middle beautiful Howe Sound, only 40 short minutes from downtown Vancouver. We are part of the Metro Vancouver Regional District and included within the jurisdiction of the Islands Trust. You may or may not be aware of the relative small size of our island, at only 5260 Ha, the proposed logging would therefore effect 28% of our fragile island ecosystem and watersheds.

Ecological impacts aside one of our island's biggest industries is tourism, with over 21,000 visitors staying overnight per year as of 2013 (and growing every year). As part of Metro Parks visitors come to enjoy our pristine parklands, forests, lakes, hiking, beaches, ocean vistas and watersports.

Logging healthy trees from our island would have a direct impact on tourism and those families that depend on it as their livelihoods (including myself, as an island artist).

In 2015 The Sunday Times (UK) listed Bowen Island as one of the best places to live in the world. With the rapidly increasing development of multi-million dollar homes on the island we are already loosing some of our forests to construction, and while this is less than desirable, our community is directly benefiting from the construction of these full time and seasonal residences. The proposed logging would substantially impact these and countless other industries while not having the same value of return to our community.

My family and I will be on our pre-booked summer vacation at the time of the meeting and are unable to attend. The short notice of the meeting and placement on a busy summer weekend is unacceptable and I request the meeting be rescheduled in the fall when a satisfactory number of residents will be available to attend.

Thank you for your time,
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