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Good morning Mr. Sanchez,

I am frequent visitor to 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 2017.

Bowen Island is located in the middle beautiful Howe Sound, only 40 short minutes from downtown Vancouver. They 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 the island, at only 5260 Ha, the proposed logging would therefore effect 28% of of the fragile island ecosystem and watersheds; irreplaceable environments for which I travel to Bowen Island specifically to enjoy.

Ecological impacts aside one of ther 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 the island would have a direct impact on tourism and those families that depend on it as their livelihoods.

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, Bowen is already losing some of it's forests to construction, and while this is less than desirable, the local 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 the 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.

Sincerely,

Kathryn Wasylik

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