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I am a resident of Bowen.

I am sending this email to formally request that the Islands Trust immediately and visibly become engaged in the BCTS move to bring timber sales areas into the BCTS FSA and commercially log Crown Land on Bowen.

Per the Islands Trust Act the object of the Islands Trust is to preserve and protect the trust area and its unique amenities and environment for the benefit of the residents of the trust area and of British Columbia generally, in cooperation with municipalities, regional districts, improvement districts, other persons and organizations and the government of British Columbia.

The proposed logging benefits no residents of Bowen; it only benefits the provincial coffers.

The BCTS has provided no useful information to residents and has placed an unworkable deadline of Sept 7 for comments, while at the same time stating that no comments are going to prevent their move forward to commercially log on 28% of Bowen. Accordingly I would suggest respectfully that this request for your engagement and assistance is of an urgent nature. If the Islands Trust is already participating in this process, could we know in what way and with whom.

One area of interest to me is the fact that Bowen was (historically) included in the Fraser Timber Forest Supply area and yet the lands closest in environmental and community perspective are not in this area. I understand there is a process under the Forest Act for moving lands from one timber supply area to another.

Section 7 of the Forest Act says The minister may

- (a) designate land as a timber supply area, and
- (b) order the consolidation, division or abolition of timber supply areas or order their boundaries changed.

Should that process be immediately commenced by the muni and IT together and an injunction sought in relation to anything further being done by BCTS until that process concludes?

Please let me hear from you.

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