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Dear Mr. Sanchez:

I would to voice my opposition to the proposed logging on Bowen Island. There are many reasons for my opposition.

First is the devastating environmental effects that logging, in any form, will have on the watersheds and forest ecologies of the island. Everything from increased run-off, increased sedimentation, to loss of habitat will have a huge negative impact on the overall health of Bowen Island. This is not an island of limitless raw resources- it is an island already struggling with population increase and development leading loss of natural spaces and the important roles they play in preserving our unique island environment. Bowen Island is a Coastal Western Hemlock Biogeoclimatic Variant zone within the Coastal Douglas- fir and Associated Ecosystems Conversation Partnership Boundary; as identified by the Island's Trust Fund. As such this is an area which should not just be protected but steps taken to ensure it's survival and growth- certainly not logged.

Second is the fact that Bowen Island's economy is not based upon resource extraction but largely based on eco-tourism. Not only will Bowen residents not benefit from logging operations, many businesses will suffer lost revenue from the loss of natural spaces and the the major disruptions of the logging itself.

Third- water retention. Bowen Island's water table and reservoirs would greatly be reduced by logging. With increased run- off and degradation of forests to retain water, our water supply will heavily impacted. We have already seen water shortages and with the threat of global climate change, logging will only exasperate this problem.

Finally, I would like to express my disappointment on the public consultation process. With such a short time frame for public comment and response from the municipality, there is little opportunity for the public to be able to make informed decisions.

You have to be more careful with an island,  
Mark Edmonds