

cc EC  
LG  
CF

Minister of Transport



Ministre des Transports

Ottawa, Canada K1A 0N5

JAN 28 2015



Mr. Peter Luckham  
Vice-Chair  
Islands Trust Council  
200-1627 Fort Street  
Victoria BC V8R 1H8

Dear Mr. Luckham:

Thank you for your correspondence of December 1, 2014, regarding Islands Trust Council's opposition to the proposed amendments to section 96 of the Vessel Pollution and Dangerous Chemicals Regulations.

Transport Canada is currently soliciting input for the updating of the Vessel Pollution and Dangerous Chemicals Regulations and, therefore, appreciates the comments and suggestions offered in your letter.

The discussion paper presenting Transport Canada's various suggestions, which Islands Trust has used for the basis of its comments, is the first phase in the updating of the Regulations. Once Transport Canada receives comments from the various stakeholders, including Islands Trust, it will take all of these comments into account when formulating the second version of the proposed text of the Regulations.

Islands Trust will have another opportunity to review the revised proposal. It is expected that a new version of the proposed Regulations will be available for comments by the spring of 2015.

Again, thank you for your letter and for your suggestions and comments on this matter.

Sincerely,

The Honourable Lisa Raitt, P.C., M.P.  
Minister of Transport

c.c. The Honourable Leona Aglukkaq, P.C., M.P.  
Minister of the Environment, Minister of the Canadian Northern  
Economic Development Agency and Minister for the Arctic Council

The Honourable John Duncan, P.C., M.P.  
Minister of State and Chief Government Whip

Ms. Elizabeth May, O.C., M.P.  
Saanich–Gulf Islands

Ms. Jean Crowder, M.P.  
Nanaimo–Cowichan

Dr. James Lunney, M.P.  
Nanaimo–Alberni

Mr. John Weston, M.P.  
West Vancouver–Sunshine Coast–Sea to Sky Country

Mr. Murray Rankin, M.P.  
Victoria