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Via Email: [FLNR.Minister@gov.bc.ca](mailto:FLNR.Minister@gov.bc.ca)

The Honourable Steve Thomson  
Minister of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations  
PO BOX 9049, STN PROV GOVT  
Victoria BC V8W 9E2

Dear Minister Thomson:

**Re: Islands Trust support for Grace Islet project**

On behalf of the Islands Trust Council, I am delighted to formally convey our support for the protection and long term conservation of Grace Islet, near Salt Spring Island. We are grateful to you and your staff, along with the Nature Conservancy of Canada, for your leadership in protecting this important cultural heritage.

The Islands Trust Executive Committee has authorized spending of up to \$5000 to support upcoming reconciliation ceremonies related to Grace Islet, which we will be honoured to attend. Our staff are also working with yours to identify other ways we can continue to support the Grace Islet project as it evolves.

Yours sincerely,

Peter Luckham  
Chair, Islands Trust Council

cc: Gary Townsend, Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations  
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