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The Gambier Island Local Trust Committee would like to thank BC Parks, the Ministry of Environment, and the Legislature of British Columbia, for the recent decision to expand Halkett Bay Marine Park. Public and scientific awareness of these amazing structures has grown significantly over the past several years and the communities on Gambier have been excited to learn that a particularly unique form of the glass sponge (garden and reef) is now part of Halkett Bay Provincial Marine Park

A particular thank you to MLA Jordan Sturdy of the Sea to Sky area and MLA Nicholas Simons of the Sunshine Coast who worked together to spearhead this initiative at the Provincial Legislature. The Committee also recognises the tremendous amount of work that the citizen scientists of the Marine Life Sanctuaries Society did to build a case for provincial protection.

The Gambier Island Local Trust Committee continues to support the further protection of glass sponges in Howe Sound and throughout the Islands Trust Area, as we considering them to be a crucial member of thriving marine ecosystems.

Sincerely,

Susan Morrison
Chair, Gambier Island Local Trust Committee