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The Honourable Pat Bell
Minister of Forests, Mines and Lands
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Dear Minister Bell:

Re: 2010 Union of British Columbia Municipalities Convention Follow up re: Derelict Vessels

Congratulations on your recent appointment as the Minister of Forests, Mines and Lands. We look forward to continuing to work with you on issues that affect the Islands Trust Area.

I am writing to thank you for meeting with the Islands Trust Executive Committee and our partner local governments at the UBCM 2010 Convention regarding the management of derelict vessels, barges and docks.

The day after our meeting, I spoke at the *Finding Solutions for the Management of Derelict Vessels* workshop at the UBCM convention. This workshop brought together representatives from all levels of government and focused on possible solutions to the derelict vessel issue. A number of options emerged at the workshop and the discussions have provided a strong basis for ongoing, cooperative and productive relationships on this issue. I'm pleased so many of your senior staff people were able to attend.

We appreciate that the Ministry of Natural Resource Management is actively working with Transport Canada to develop solutions. We are working as members of the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities (AVICC) to support this important work.

We understand that your ministry might continue to be involved at a strategic planning level. We appreciate your strong support for finding solutions to the current problems in managing derelict vessels, barges and docks and we look forward to hearing positive news.

Our staff contact for further information is Lisa Dunn, Director of Trust Area Services, who can be reached at 250.405.5174 or ldunn@islandstrust.bc.ca.

Sincerely,

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Chair, Islands Trust Council

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Honourable Steve Thomson, Minister of Natural Resource Operations
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AVICC Executive Committee
AVICC Derelict Vessel Sub-committee
Mayor Bob Turner, Bowen Island Municipality
Councillor Adam Olsen, District of Central Saanich
Mayor Janet Evans, District of Sooke
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