

PROTOCOL AGREEMENT

ON

AGRICULTURAL LAND RESERVE IN THE TRUST AREA

BETWEEN:

AND:

PROVINCIAL AGRICULTURAL LAND COMMISSION

ISLANDS TRUST

WHEREAS:

The legislated object of the Islands Trust, pursuant to Section 3 of the *Islands Trust Act*, is to preserve and protect the Trust Area and its unique amenities and environment for the benefit of the residents of the Trust Area and the Province generally, in cooperation with municipalities, regional districts, improvement districts, other persons and organizations, and the government of the Province;

Pursuant to Section 8.1 of the *Islands Trust Act*, for the purpose of carrying out the object of the Trust, the Islands Trust Council may, subject to the approval by the Minister of Municipal Affairs, enter into agreements with the Province and agents of the Province respecting the coordination of administrative activities within the Trust Area;

The **ISLANDS TRUST**, through the following corporate entities is responsible for:

Trust Council - making recommendations to the Lieutenant Governor in Council respecting the acquisition, use and disposition by the Crown in right of the Province of land situated within the trust area, establishing general policies to carry out the object of the Trust, ensuring proposed local planning activities comply with the Trust object and policy statement;

Trust Fund Board - acquiring and holding land in perpetuity to protect significant environmental sites and features; and

Local Trust Committees - providing local land use planning and regulation and responding to the concerns of island residents and property owners;

The **Agricultural Land Commission**, as a corporation established by legislation, operates to achieve the purposes described by the legislation including the preservation of land in British Columbia that is useful to its agriculture industry, to encourage and conduct land use planning that supports that objective, and to provide related advisory services to governments, the public, and the farming community;

The Agricultural Land Reserve forms part of the unique amenities of the Trust area;

Both Agricultural Land Commission and Islands Trust share a responsibility for the protection of farm land and farming activities on the islands;

Both Agricultural Land Commission and Islands Trust recognize that land use planning decisions relating to agricultural lands and environmental and social issues often impact on both mandates and thus require coordinated responses from the parties;

AND WHEREAS:

Both parties recognize the need to clarify Agricultural Land Commission responsibility for agricultural land and farming on the islands, local trust committee responsibility for land use planning and regulations in the trust areas and the Islands Trust responsibility to preserve and protect unique amenities and the environment of the Trust area.

THEREFORE:

Agriculture Land Commission and the Islands Trust are committed to developing agreements and procedures to promote a consultative process on issues of common interest, set out a process by which consultation will take place; and to identify those issues that should be the subject of the consultation to enhance their respective abilities to achieve their mandates with the Trust area in a manner which is respectful of each agency's jurisdiction.

ADMINISTRATION OF PROTOCOL

The key contacts for administering this Protocol are the:

Executive Director - Islands Trust
General Manager - Provincial Agricultural Land Commission