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Western Economic Development Canada
Community Economic Development and Diversification
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Edmonton, AB T5J4H7

To Whom It May Concern:

Re: Support for Salt Spring Island Community Economic Development Commission (SSI-CEDC)

On behalf of the Islands Trust Council I am pleased to express support for the Salt Spring Island Economic Development Commission's Rural Islands Economic Summit project.

The Islands Trust Policy Statement approved by the provincial Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, clarifies the positions and policies of the Islands Trust and provides guidance for the formulation of bylaws, plans and policies. It is a document to be utilized by local trust committees and island municipalities when they are formulating local bylaws, by the Executive Committee of Trust Council when it is reviewing plans and bylaws of local trust committees and island municipalities, and by the Province and other agencies when they are reviewing their own plans and policies for compatibility with those of the Islands Trust. The Policy Statement describes the Islands Trust's goal of sustaining island character and healthy communities. Below are a number of our policies in support of that goal:

- Policy 5.2.1 states that *Trust Council holds that growth and development in the Trust Area should be compatible with preservation and protection of the environment, natural amenities, resources and community character.*
- Policy 5.5.1 states that *It is Trust Council's policy that recreational activities in the Trust Area should be compatible with preservation and protection of the environment, natural amenities, resources and community character.*
- Policy 5.6.1 states that *Trust Council holds that the natural and human heritage of the Trust Area — that is the areas and property of natural, historic, cultural, aesthetic, educational or scientific heritage value²⁵ or character²⁶ — should be identified, preserved, protected and enhanced.*
- Policy 5.7.1 states that *Trust Council holds that economic opportunities should be compatible with the conservation of resources and protection of community character.*
- Policy 5.8.8 states that *Trust Council encourages government agencies, corporations, property owners, residents and visitors to use renewable sources of energy within the Trust Area.*

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The Islands Trust understands the critical role that appropriate economic sustainability initiatives play in fostering community well-being and promoting ecological health and resilience. As well, as part of our process of Reconciliation we support initiatives that create space to support knowledge and understanding around Indigenous cultural history of the islands. Initiatives such as the Rural Islands Economic Summit promote regional cooperation and learning , and can generate solutions and initiatives that are appropriate in scale and impact for our ecologically sensitive region.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "P. Luckham". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "P" and a long, sweeping underline.

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