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Ms. Sheila Malcolmson, Chair
and Trustees
Islands Trust Council
200 - 1627 Fort Street
Victoria, BC V8R 1H8

Dear Chair Malcolmson and Trustees:

Thank you for your letter of March 31, 2009, addressed to Honourable Kevin Krueger, Minister, and to the MLA for Saanich North and the Islands, regarding a proposal that Galiano Island be exempt from Section 21 of the *Private Managed Forest Land Act* (Act). I am responding on Minister Krueger's behalf. I apologize for the delay in responding.

Minister Krueger has asked me to meet with elected representatives of the Islands Trust, including members of the Galiano Island Local Trust Committee, after the provincial election. The purpose of the meeting will be to ascertain more precisely how this action will assist the resolution of forest zone issues on Galiano Island, to assess the level of consensus on Galiano Island regarding the proposed change, and to discuss legal issues related to the proposal. A time for the meeting is currently being arranged. Following the meeting, I will discuss this matter further with the incoming Minister.

As you may know, responsibility for the Act falls within the mandate of the Ministry of Agriculture and Lands and, accordingly, I will need to work with my colleagues in that ministry with respect to any actions regarding this matter.

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Thank you, again, for your letter and for your interest in the resolution of the challenging issues surrounding forest land on Galiano Island.

Sincerely,


Dale Wall
Deputy Minister

pc: Honourable Kevin Krueger
Minister

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