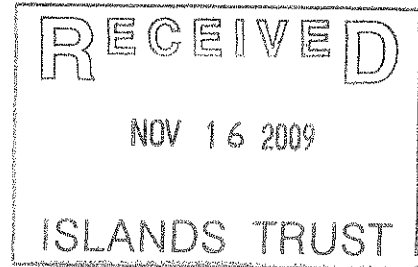


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Dear Ms. Malcolmson:

Thank you for your correspondence of October 6, 2009, concerning your request that meaningful consultation on the de-staffing of lighthouses with local communities and service users be an integral part of the review process.

As announced in my statement of September 30, 2009, I have asked the Canadian Coast Guard to define the terms of the review process that will be unfolding, as well as the provision for all interested parties and stakeholders, including lighthouse keepers, to provide input on the relevant points to this review. The outcome will be publicly advertised so all interested stakeholders will know how to make their views known.

I would like to thank you, once again, for your interest on this subject.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gail Shea".

Gail Shea, P.C., M.P.