



Islands Trust

ISLANDS FORUM 2005 HOPES AND CONCERNS IDENTIFIED BY PARTICIPANTS IN SESSION 1*

No.	Hope or Concern	Rank (based on participant votes)	Description
1	Hope	77	Recapture the original vision of the Islands Trust, with increased legislative tools to address issues such as aquaculture, water protection, mining, logging, and protection of heritage sites.
2	Concern	57	Scale, type, amount, location and speed of development.
3	Hope	54	Re-examine the limits to development and managing growth for a sustainable balance between environment, economy & socio-economic diversity.
4	Hope	48	Use the precautionary principles as basis for decision making.
5	Hope	39	Protect and enhance the economy so people can make a living and ensure the affordability of resources (especially farmland).
6	Hope	39	Keep islands rural forever.
7	Concern	36	Water supply and demand.
8	Hope	34	Strengthen Islands Trust enforcement and funding.
9	Hope	29	Maintain a balance: care for land while maintaining socio-economic diversity (<i>this hope was combined with No. 3 for discussion in Session 2</i>)
10	Hope	29	More equitable governance and taxation model.
11	Hope	27	More protected places and resources/funding to manage them for the long term.
12	Concern	21	Impacts and level of tourism.
13	Concern	20	Impacts of development pressures on community socio-economic diversity.
14	Hope	17	Expand national parks and national marine conservation area trust-wide.
15	Concern	18	Protection of agricultural land.
16	Concern	16	Cutback on provincial funding to the Islands Trust.
17	Concern	15	Erosion of rural island community values.
18	Concern	15	Islands Trust mandate being eroded by outside and internal interests (including senior governments).
19	Hope	15	Affordable housing.

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20	Concern	6	Provincial legislative changes without enough community consultation.
21	Hope	5	Equitable allocation of resources for non-governmental organizations so they can participate in the planning process.
22	Concern	5	Lack of conservation of scarce resources, particularly water.
23	Hope	5	Develop a vision for efficient dwellings with alternate building methods.
24	Concern	4	Impact of National Park on southern Gulf Islands infrastructure.
25	Hope	3	Be more pro-active.
26	Hope	2	Effectively managed tourism with a priority for protection vs. commerce.
27	Hope	1	Use the tools available to the Islands Trust now.
28	Concern	1	Development steered by human desires and not by concern for natural environment.
29	Hope	0	Immediate action through individual education & taking personal responsibility.

** Participants in Islands Forum 2005 worked in small groups during Session 1 to identify their main hopes and concerns about the future of the Islands Trust Area. The main issues were then recorded on flipcharts. Participants were given stickers and asked to 'vote' for those issues that they felt were most important. Forum participants then spent the afternoon (Session 2) identifying options and solutions to the ten issues that they had given the most 'votes'.*