

“Islands Trust agenda to ban docks and desalination”

Written by Paul Sinclair

"To whom it may concern

As a resident of Salt Spring Island who caretakes SSI and small water-access-only islands around SSI **I am disturbed by Islands Trust agenda to ban docks and desalination in the trust area.** Should there not be some public input into these potentially far reaching changes.

The haste to ram these changes through without any meaningful public consultation smacks of dictatorship.

The decision to prohibit docks in the TA is really outside the purview of the Trust. The protection of shore habitat is already well provided for in existing Federal and Provincial legislation.

The specious argument that desalination uses too much energy is ridiculous. If I need to put a small desalination device on a small island to supplement collected rainwater I need to provide the energy for the process with solar panels. I have just upgraded the solar system on one island and have doubled the output so will have plenty of energy for desalination if I need to go that route. At present, rainwater collection is ample but who knows about the future. I do not want to be handcuffed by ill considered, jackboot tactics at the Trust level.

I hope that this letter will contribute to requiring a meaningful, public, discussion about these sweeping changes at the Trust level.

Sincerely,
Paul Sinclair"
Salt Spring Island Resident