

## Summary of Public Feedback to the Draft Trust Policy Statement as of April 13, 2026

The Trust reported 2132 responses to the survey. By our count, 193 pieces of correspondence were submitted by the February 2 deadline to [islands2050@islandstrust.com](mailto:islands2050@islandstrust.com) and 134 of those letters or reports prioritized the protection of the environment. Only 8 letters spoke in favour of the draft TPS and 5 of those were in relation to First Nations' Reconciliation. The rest of the letters were from special interest groups: farmers, yacht clubs, etc.

Unsurprisingly, the two most populous islands, Salt Spring and Gabriola (both undergoing contentious Official Community Plan reviews at the same time) generated the most letters. However, the low level of correspondence from other islands is likely due to a poor public engagement process on those islands. FOTGIS and others raised concerns about this repeatedly with the Trust and with Islands' Local Trust Committees. Poor public consultation on the TPS may interest the Minister who will eventually decide whether to approve a new TPS. This one is dead-in-the-water. Further proceedings will be a decision of the newly elected Trust Council.

Though there were many letters that did not identify the writer's island, we can report the following breakdown.

Salt Spring - 52	Bowen - 2
Gabriola - 21	Piers - 2
Galiano - 18	Thetis - 2
South Pender - 13	Keats, Hornby, Denman and Lasqueti - 1 for each island
North Pender - 9	Mayne - 0
Pender - 10	
Gambier - 4	
Saturna - 3	

Besides Friends of the Gulf Islands Society, other groups that commented on the need for an ecological protection focus were:

- Gabriola Land and Trails Trust
- Galiano Island Advisory Planning Commission
- Galiano Conservancy Association
- Transitions Salt Spring (focusing on climate change)
- Gambier Island Conservancy
- Raincoast Conservation Foundation