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Honourable Peter Fassbender
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Dear Premier Christy Clark and Minister Peter Fassbender:

Re: Video about the history of the Islands Trust

On behalf of the Islands Trust Council, I am pleased to share with you a video about the history of the Islands Trust, available online here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EV-5TyCvd38>.

The video marks the 10th anniversary of the Gulf Islands Alliance, a non-profit group of islanders who support the Islands Trust's provincially legislated mandate and the importance of protecting B.C.'s Gulf Islands. While the Islands Trust was not involved in making the video, we feel it captures the essence of what makes the islands in the Trust Area unique and worthy of protection.

The Islands Trust has a clear legislative provincial mandate to preserve and protect the ecologically significant and fragile island archipelago between Vancouver Island and the Vancouver mainland on behalf of islanders and all British Columbians. I am grateful for the Province's shared commitment for upholding this mandate.

The reasons that the Province created the Islands Trust through legislation in 1974 are still valid today, as depicted in the video. The Islands Trust continues to work with residents, community groups and governments to preserve the environment, the culture and the aspects of the island communities that make them a unique rural place for residents and great tourist destination for visitors.

Please enjoy the video, produced by videographer Bill Warriner and narrated by Arthur Black, three-time winner of the Stephen Leacock award for Canadian humour with original soundtrack by Valdy.

Trust Council hopes that the video serves as a reminder to decision-makers that these islands are indeed special places and these unique ecosystems and communities deserve protection from challenges posed by unsustainable growth and environmental threats.

Sincerely,

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