
TRANSBORDER ISLAND AGREEMENT
between
ISLANDS TRUST
and
SAN JUAN COUNTY

June 12, 2007

WHEREAS the Islands Trust:

Is authorized to enter into interagency agreements through the Islands Trust Council on behalf of twelve local trust committees and one island municipality;

Is responsible through these corporate entities for achieving the legislated object of the *Islands Trust Act* "to preserve and protect the trust area and its unique amenities and environment for the benefit of the residents of the trust area and of British Columbia generally, in cooperation with municipalities, regional districts, improvement districts, other persons and organizations and the Government of British Columbia"; and

Is the local government responsible for land use planning and regulation for 470 islands situated in the Georgia Basin and Howe Sound.

WHEREAS San Juan County:

May enter into interagency agreements through the San Juan County Council; and

Is the local government responsible for providing policy direction, land use and resource management planning for 172 named islands situated in the Puget Sound.

WHEREAS both these agencies acknowledge that:

Together they represent the interests of over 642 islands within the Howe Sound, Georgia Basin and Puget Sound that share airspace, watersheds and a marine environment;

Within and immediately surrounding the Puget Sound, Georgia Basin and Howe Sound, the population is expected to increase from 6 to approximately 8.5 million by 2010;

The management of the above projected growth and its impacts will require the timely development and implementation of effective strategies, while preserving and protecting the unique qualities of islands in the Georgia Basin, Howe Sound, and Puget Sound;

Growth and environmental issues and impacts transcend physical and political boundaries; and

This, in turn, will require the timely sharing of information and coordination of activities among all levels of government, island communities and other organizations.

NOW, therefore, the San Juan County Council and the Islands Trust Council wish to recognize their spirit of partnership and friendship by entering into a Transborder Island Agreement with the following considerations in accordance with the original Protocol Agreement between the agencies dated June 17, 2000:

1.0 SHARED VALUES

Both agencies share the following values:

- 1.1. The protection of significant terrestrial and marine environmental features and all related ecosystems;
- 1.2. The preservation of the unique quality of life on islands and in the surrounding waters;
- 1.3. The management of impacts of population growth and development in a manner consistent with the values of island communities; and
- 1.4. The encouragement of island communities to achieve and maintain a viable economy.

2.0 SCOPE OF EFFORTS

Both agencies acknowledge that their transborder efforts would include activities which:

- 2.1. Relate to their areas of jurisdiction with a commitment to respect the decision-making discretion of either agency;
- 2.2. Enable island organizations to work together in addressing island community issues; and
- 2.3. Support government agency and non-governmental organization coordination efforts to address transborder island issues.

3.0 COORDINATION OF ACTIVITIES

Both agencies wish to coordinate activities within the following areas:

- 3.1. Identifying current and emerging issues to focus interagency activities;
- 3.2. Sharing information which may be of mutual interest;
- 3.3. Undertaking research and policy development projects;
- 3.4. Facilitating and recognizing citizens and community organizations;
- 3.5. Promoting communications with initiatives by and between local, state, provincial and federal governments to ensure awareness of island community needs;

- 3.6. Promoting communications with First Nations and Tribal governments;
- 3.7. Supporting cooperative initiatives by non-profit organizations, the private sector and other local government agencies; and
- 3.8. Sharing materials and resources for public awareness and education programs.

This agreement is intended to nurture an ongoing relationship utilizing the following:

- 3.9. A Transborder Island Action Plan of specific joint activities along with responsibility assignments and timelines;
- 3.10. Semi-annual public meetings of agency representatives to review and update the Transborder Island Action Plan;
- 3.11. Workshops that may involve other agencies and the public to discuss specific Transborder Island topics; and
- 3.12. Transborder Task Forces to examine specific Transborder Island topics.

4.0 **ADMINISTRATION**

Administration of this agreement will involve:

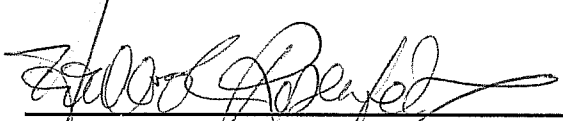
- 4.1. The officials of each agency who shall be responsible for the notices, the related communications, and the routine administration of this Transborder Island Agreement are:
 - ◆ the San Juan County Council liaison to Islands Trust, with the San Juan County Administrator, and
 - ◆ the Islands Trust Council Chair with the Islands Trust Chief Administrative Officer.
 - 4.2. Either agency may terminate this agreement at any time upon 30 days' notice to the other agency.
 - 4.3. This agreement may be amended upon the mutual consent of both agencies.
 - 4.4. This agreement may be extended to another agency upon the mutual consent of all relevant agencies.
 - 4.5. An acknowledgement that this agreement is not intended to be legally binding, nor interfere with any international laws or treaties.
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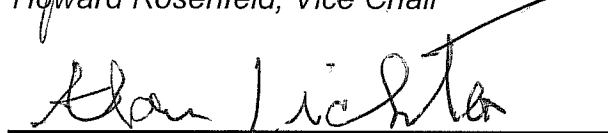
As evidence of their agreement to the above spirit of partnership and friendship, the San Juan County Council and the Islands Trust Council have executed this Transborder Island Agreement dated this 10th day of April, 2007.

Approved by the San Juan County Council, this 14th day of June 2007.

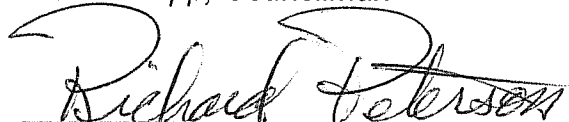
Approved by the Islands Trust Executive Committee, on behalf of the Islands Trust Council, this 14th day of June 2007.

San Juan County Council

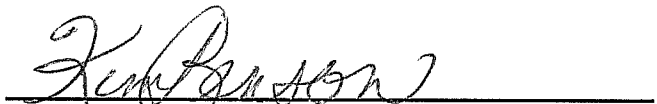

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