

Relevant Portions of the Salt Spring Island Official Community

- i. **Section B.1.1.1 The Islands Trust Object and Policy Statement**
“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 the Province generally, in cooperation with municipalities, regional districts, improvement districts, other persons and organizations and the government of the Province.”
- ii. **B.1.2 Our Natural Environment**
 - B.1.2.1** To recognize and protect the essential fragility and significance of our natural environment as one of our community’s greatest and irreplaceable assets.
 - B.1.2.2** To adopt a principle of precaution in assessing those activities that could create impacts.
 - B.1.2.3** To recognize and protect our unique nature as an island – remote place, unconnected to other land masses, which exists at a smaller scale; a place where boundaries are absolute, resources are finite, and biophysical and socioeconomic impacts can be concentrated due to containment and proximity.
 - B.1.2.4** To protect our tidal and aquatic shorelines.
- iii. **B.1.12 Our Island’s Look and Feel**
 - B.1.12.1** To retain our island’s rural character and atmosphere; to guide development so that it complements the outstanding natural beauty that surrounds us and reflects our unique community character. To ensure that the predominant feature of Salt Spring Island remains the natural environment, rather than manmade structures.
 - B.1.12.2** To identify and protect important components of our island’s heritage, whether they are reminders of past or present lifestyles.
- iv. **B.6 Resource and Land Use Objectives and Policies**
 - B.6.1.1.3** To maintain the long term potential for farming on Salt Spring Island; to preserve agricultural land and necessary water supplies.
- v. **D.1 The Natural Environment**
 - D.1.1.1.1** To maintain and improve the quality of the island’s natural environment. To give particular attention to the quality of fresh water to sustain healthy fish and wildlife habitat and for human supplies.
 - D.1.1.1.2** To identify and encourage protection of those parts of the island that are especially sensitive to development, including those Environmentally Sensitive Areas shown on Maps 9 through 12.

D.1.1.1.3 To protect areas of high biodiversity. To recognize and protect the island's native plant, animal and bird life. To give particular attention to the stream, wetlands and coastlines of Salt Spring Island.

D.1.1.17 To protect the community's quiet, rural character.

H.5.2 Specific Community Park Land Needs

H.5.2.1 Park land dedicated through the subdivision process should be in one or more of the forms listed below...

i. Environmentally Sensitive Areas as defined in Appendix 1.

iv. Land that helps to carry out the Master Plan of the Salt Spring Islands Parks, Arts and Recreation Commission, including:

b. primary recreational or scenic areas, including:

i. **Walker Hook beach, tombolo and surroundings**

(emphasis added)

ii. Mt. Erskine Summit

ii. Maxwell Point

Relevant Portions of the Island's Trust Policy Statement

Islands Trust Policy Statement

4.5.1 It is the Trust Council's policy that aquaculture is a valuable activity in the Trust Area if compatible with maintenance of the Trust Areas ecosystems and community character.

4.5.3 It is the Trust Council's policy that development should be directed to sites away from areas of environmental sensitivity.

4.5.6 It is the Trust Council's policy that aquaculture should be directed to sites away from areas of recreational significance.

4.5.7 It is the Trust Council's policy statement that that aquaculture related development, activity, buildings or structures should not result in site alteration.