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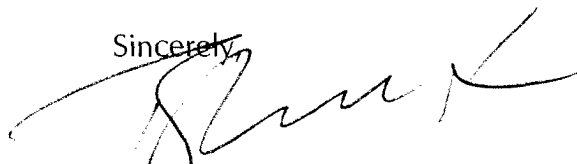
Hi Pat,

## Re: Spanish Hills Dock

I look forward to seeing you on Friday in Victoria.

Please post the enclosed letter on the [www.valdes.ca](http://www.valdes.ca) website, or the woodlot forum, or whatever you feel is best. We will also be doing a mailout based on my "snail mail" mailing list.

Sincerely,



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Valdes Island Residents  
(Cardale Point to Starvation Bay)

Dear Friends:

## Re: Spanish Hills Dock

We are pleased to confirm that a substantial financial contribution was made to the Whaler Bay Harbour Authority (the "WBHA") in 2007 (\$4,320) as contributions of the Valdes Island group towards the maintenance and operation of the Spanish Hills Dock. Reference is made to our previous correspondence outlining the nature and purpose of these contributions.

WBHA advises that the "voluntary contribution" program will remain for 2008. Some of you may have noticed the installation of posts at the head of the Dock. These posts will support the gate which will control access in 2009. We are advised by WHA that the gate will NOT control access for 2008.

We ask, by return, that each of you continue the \$40 voluntary contribution to the "Spanish Hills Dock Fund". We will deposit these funds to the account at Coast Capital Savings Credit Union in Steveston, British Columbia, we opened for this purpose, and will forward these funds, in due course, to the WBHA as our 2008 contribution.

It is expected that the WBHA will institute a "direct billing system" in 2009. The invoices will be sent to the users of the Spanish Hills Dock. While the cost has not yet been determined, early indications are that it will not exceed the \$40 voluntary contribution we are now making. In any event, those who pay the "dock user fee" to WBHA will receive - as we understand it at present - an access code which will be punched into the lock mechanism on the gate, to gain access to the Dock.

Any system has its benefits and its flaws. Abuses of the access codes will likely cause WBHA to reconsider its method of operation of the Dock. Restricted access will inconvenience those of us who use the Dock, even if infrequently, for personal and freight purposes. We encourage you to cooperate with a reasonable WBHA plan for controlled user access of the Dock in the future, and to continue the voluntary contribution program this year.

As a "commercial user" of the Dock, the WBHA is invoicing Jim Baker. It is in the interest of all of us who use Jim Baker's services from time to time, or regularly, that there be a good working relationship between the WBHA and Jim Baker. Accordingly, please expect that Jim will likely seek a small surcharge on his regular service fee to cover the WBHA "commercial user" cost. We urge you to cooperate with Jim on this matter.

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Finally, we advise that a meeting of approximately 20 Valdes Island residents was held over the Easter weekend at the residence of John and Noni Mate, to discuss the recent developments with the Lyackson Band. As many of you are aware, the Lyackson Band has been granted a Wood Lot License which will allow logging on the Crown lands which remain on Valdes Island. These lands include the Crown lands between the back of our properties and Island Timberlands LP (formerly Brookside Asset Management, formerly Weyerhaeuser, formerly MacMillan Bloedel!). An agreement was reached at this meeting to formally organize a Non-Profit Society under the name of the Valdes Island Conservancy. The intent is to give a formal voice to those of us who have a strong feeling for Valdes Island and to provide a vehicle to engage the Lyackson Band in particular, but also Island Timberlands LP, the Islands Trust, the Provincial Crown, and others on Valdes Island in discussions about relevant issues. The particular and immediate matter prompting this organization is the intention by the Lyackson Band to log the Crown lands.

We will provide more information on this development, in the future, and we will use the Internet portal developed by Gordon Marr and Patrick McAllister ([www.valdes.ca](http://www.valdes.ca)) for this purpose. You may want to research the objectives and activities of other land conservancies, eg, Salt Spring Island Conservancy and Galiano Island Conservancy Association, and provide your input to this process.

The address to send your \$40 voluntary contribution for the Spanish Hills Dock, payable to "Spanish Hills Dock Fund" is: Bruce Livingston, 8540 Rosehill Drive, Richmond, BC V7A 2K1.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,



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