

Attachment 2
Summary of Referral Responses

Referral Agency or First Nation	Summary of Response	Recommendation
Island Health	<p>Aquifers DPA: General comments related to subdivision and referencing the VIHA Subdivision Standards where appropriate.</p> <p>Supportive comments from the Healthy Built Environment Initiative related to food security and land use conflicts.</p>	<p>No change recommended. Close review with Island Health identified that their comments were more general in nature and not specific to requesting a change to these bylaws.</p>
Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development (FLNRORD)	<p>List of comments and questions on the following DPAs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Freshwater and Fish Habitat • Sensitive Ecosystems • Eagle and Heron Nesting Trees • Marine Coast 	<p>Close review with FLNRORD in response to their comments answered most of their questions or concerns and resulted in the following RDN staff recommendation for changes to the proposed bylaws:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Delete the definition of “watercourse” from the OCP designation section of the Freshwater and Fish Habitat DPA to reduce confusion about the applicability of the DPA to streams under the Riparian Areas Regulation. 2. Return Guideline 4.a) to the Sensitive Ecosystem DPA. This guideline refers to maintaining an effective visual and sound buffer around nesting trees, and was removed in the August 17 version due to stakeholder feedback that this should only refer to eagle and heron nests that is now a separate DPA. The rationale from FLNRORD is that other raptors such as owls, hawks and falcons require undisturbed nesting areas. 3. For the Electoral Area G OCP, designation of the Marine coast DPA, correct reference to wildlife management areas. There are now 28 instead of 22 designated wildlife management areas.

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Ministry of Agriculture	Regarding the Farmland Protection DPA, response suggests that further discussion about the addition of an exemption for small lots may be warranted and that disclosure statements on Title and use of fencing and buffers based on a sliding scale related to the size of the property could be considered.	No changes recommended. These suggested alternatives were considered.
Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District	Interests unaffected	None
City of Nanaimo	No concerns	None
Comox Valley Regional District	No concerns	None
Fisheries and Oceans Canada	Interests unaffected	None
K'ómoks First Nation	No concerns	None
District of Lantzville	No concerns	None
Consulting Engineer Stakeholder	Comment received after 2 nd reading that warranted consideration: that Guideline 2. b) regarding requirement for recharge area analysis with every hydrogeologist report would involve a more comprehensive analysis than warranted in all cases.	Recommend re-wording Guidelines 2.a) and b) to clarify that the intent is for the hydrogeologist report to include information on recharge areas where they are already identified, and that a comprehensive study to define recharge areas for each development permit is not intended.