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Residents of the Region,
The Lower Mainland Municipalities,
The Lower Mainland Regional Planning Board, and
The Province of British Columbia.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

It is with great concern that I forward to you this report. We in this Region, the major population concentration in our Province, have a "tight little island", and the need to use its resources with care and with purpose becomes increasingly important as we grow. New demands are being felt in areas once thought to be far away from the influence of the central city. New industrial sites, major subdivisions, water and sewer needs, financial considerations, beach shortages, pollution problems, port expansion — they are all the consequence of our growth. We must deal with these problems if we are to maintain an environment and quality of life in keeping with our Region's magnificent setting.

As growth continues to push outwards from Vancouver, it has been "open season" for proposals, especially along our south-western shoreline from Point Grey to Peace Arch and its 81 square miles of intertidal foreshore. Information about this area has been lacking, and as a result, policies have been non-existent or indefinite. With inadequate information, the Official Regional Plan could only place an "undetermined reserve" on these shoreline areas.

But the picture changes. Information is now available, and the features of and demands on the shoreline have been assessed. This report presents this assessment, and recommends the policies that logically flow from this assessment. We, the decision makers for this Region, must give these recommendations our fullest and earliest consideration to assure that our shoreline resources are not dissipated and that our potentials are not lost. Amendment of the Official Regional Plan is the first step in this process.

Yours sincerely,

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Chairman