

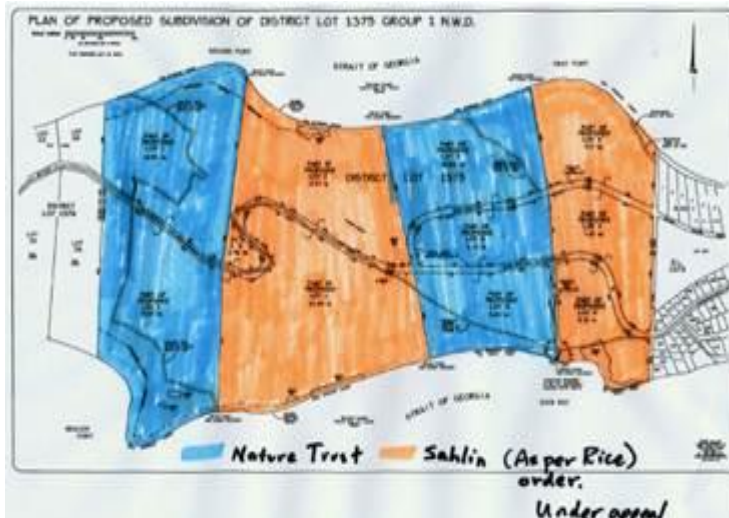
Dear Friends of Savary Island,

The Court of Appeal made its decision last week with respect to DL 1375. The Court dismissed the appeal made by the Nature Trust, and as such the decision of the trial judge, Mr. Justice Rice, was reinstated. Mr. Justice Rice had ordered the subdivision of DL 1375 in accordance with Map 1 below.



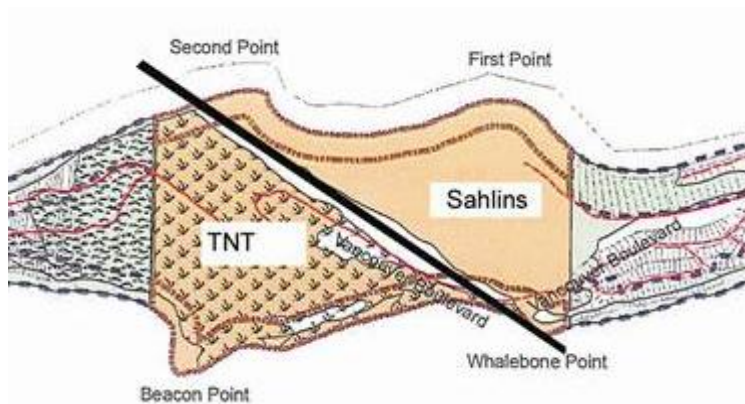
For the full decision go to: [Sahlin v. The Nature Trust of British Columbia, Inc.](#) This news is a disappointment for Savary Island. We had hoped that the partition would be rejected and sale ordered so that the whole parcel could be acquired and preserved. Now it is clear that it will be subdivided in some form.

Map of Sahlin Subdivision Proposal



The court decision proposes a four part subdivision, but the Approving Officer has to take into account environmental and other factors, and is not bound to follow the court's map. Mr. Justice Rice held that the Approving Officer, who is the government official responsible for subdivisions in this Province, was free to depart from the Map 1 division.

Recently the Powell River Regional District rejected the court ordered partition subdivision of District Lot 1375 into 4 lots proposed by the Sahlin's and instead endorsed a 2 lot subdivision "which maintains the ecological integrity of the land and where each lot is as large as possible." In addition, the Ministry of Natural Resources Operations and BC Parks who provided referrals on the subdivision application recommended a 2 lot diagonal division of the land approximately following the alignment of the old air strip, with the half southwest of the airstrip allocated to the Nature Trust of BC. This would allow preservation of the old forest sensitive ecosystem area and the sand dune ecosystem and maintain the ecological integrity of the land. It is our hope that this decision will be upheld by the Approving Officer.



If you would like to express your support for this decision please send your comments to:  
**Email** the Subdivision Approving Officer, [Jeffrey.Moore@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Jeffrey.Moore@gov.bc.ca)

The public interest in preserving this parcel continues to grow. SILT continues to communicate with the Minister of Environment in the hopes that the Sahlin's would be fairly compensated and the entire parcel might be acquired for the benefit of all British Columbians and Canadians.

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