

Tongass Futures Roundtable

September 29-30, 2010 - Ketchikan

Decision Log

Approved new memberships:

Eric Myers (Audubon Society)

Carol Orr (Wilburforce Foundation)

Cecilia Tavoliero (Southeast Alaska Landless Corporation)

The following motions presented by the Unique Role of Native People in the Tongass working group were adopted by the Roundtable. The working group met on September 27-28, 2010.

Motion #1

The Tongass Futures Roundtable adopts the recommendations of the Unique Role of the Native People of the Tongass working group to:

1. Support the Southeast tribes in seeking to expand the Federal Subsistence Board, which oversees the regulations of Subsistence harvesting on Federal lands in Alaska; and strongly encourages the Federal Subsistence Board to add two seats to be filled by Southeast Alaskan subsistence users.
2. Encourage the Federal Subsistence Board to consider amending its policies and procedures, in consultation with rural users, used to identify or classify who is considered "Rural" for preferential use of the resources for personal use; and the Roundtable supports Saxman's claim to maintain its rural status past the date of 2012.
3. Encourage the Federal Subsistence Board to consider amending its policies on proxy harvesting, in consultation with rural users, to be more flexible.

Approved with 7 abstentions

Motion #2

The Tongass Futures Roundtable adopts the recommendation of the Unique Role of the Native People of the Tongass working group to:

1. Recognize and support that Native traditional/cultural ties to the land are important for not only the use of the land, but the healing that comes from their connection to the land, their culture, and their way of life that the land provides.
2. To assist the working group and Native tribes, where possible, in the battle against suicide in all southeast villages; and to assist Native tribes and institutions in developing healthy and vibrant communities through the promotion of responsible economic development.

Approved