

**Tongass Futures Roundtable  
Decision Log  
Kake Roundtable Meeting – May 25-26, 2010**

**Action 1:** Beth Pendleton, Regional Forester, USFS Region 10, approved as a Roundtable Member

**Action 2:** Approved letter of support for Alaska Sea Grant application regarding education and training in mariculture.

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416 Harris St., Suite 301  
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May 26, 2010

Dr. David Christie, Director  
Alaska Sea Grant Program  
University of Alaska Fairbanks  
PO Box 755040  
Fairbanks, AK 99775-5040

Dear Dr. Christie

The Tongass Futures Roundtable fully supports funding of your proposal to the NOAA Sea Grant Aquaculture Extension and Technology Transfer Program titled, “Expanding community based shellfish aquaculture opportunities in Alaska through technology transfer, education, and planning outreach to shellfish farmers and coastal communities.”

With declines in available natural resources, Alaskan coastal communities need economic opportunities to support and stabilize community populations. In recent years, coastal communities have embraced shellfish aquaculture as a biologically feasible, economically viable, and environmentally sustainable manner that is compatible with values of coastal citizens. The marine waters of Alaska can support coastal community employment and economic needs by developing a shellfish aquaculture industry that provides the United States seafood market with safe, premium quality, and sustainable harvest of farmed shellfish.

The breadth of your proposal that includes technology transfer to new and existing farmers, developing economic models and business planning for oyster farming, and providing support for community planning of shellfish farming addresses major issues that have constrained shellfish aquaculture growth. The investigators you assembled in the proposal have impressive credentials and proven records of outreach performance to the Alaskan aquaculture and fisheries industries, assuring success of the project.

The Tongass Futures Roundtable enthusiastically supports the Alaska Sea Grant Program effort to expand shellfish aquaculture opportunities in Alaska through this proposal.

Sincerely,

/s/

Bruce Botelho, Chair  
Tongass Futures Roundtable  
Administrative Committee

**Action 3:** Approved statement of support for electrical intertie between Petersburg and Kake.

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June 2, 2010

USDA Forest Service  
Tongass National Forest  
Petersburg Ranger District  
12 North Nordic Drive  
PO Box 1328  
Petersburg, AK 99833-1328

Attn: Kake-Petersburg Intertie Project

Dear Sir or Madam:

The Tongass Futures Roundtable appreciates the opportunity to comment on the U.S. Forest Service's scoping notice for the proposed Kake to Petersburg Transmission Line Intertie (KPI). The Roundtable is a diverse group of stakeholders interested in the future of Southeast Alaska, who seek to explore achievement of a long-term balance of healthy and diverse communities, economies, natural resources, and ecological values.

The Roundtable strongly supports development of a KPI. The community of Kake, Alaska currently depends on high-cost diesel generation for its electrical supply. The expense of this supply, and the uncertainty surrounding its future costs, are major burdens on the economic and social well-being of the community. They create serious disincentives to economic investment and activity that are essential to the future of the community and its residents.

The Roundtable notes that construction of a KPI is actively supported by the Organized Village of Kake, the City of Kake, and Kake Tribal Corporation, as a means of providing long-term, reliable, and affordable electricity to their community.

The Roundtable agrees with the Forest Service's identification of issues related to proposed crossings of Wrangell Narrows and Duncan Canal, and potential impacts on resources along the alternative intertie corridors. We look forward to seeing development, in a Draft Environmental Impact Statement, of more detailed versions of the proposed alternatives, versions that appropriately respect and mitigate impacts on the rights of the involved landowners and the natural values and sensitive lands along the planned routes.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to comment on this important proposal.

Sincerely,

/s/

Bruce Botelho, Chair  
Tongass Futures Roundtable  
Administrative Committee

**Action 4:** Approved forming of a committee to help identify barriers and potential funding sources for Petersburg to Kake intertie, and work with Kake on developing the opportunities

The Tongass Futures Roundtable hereby creates an ad hoc working group to collaborate with all appropriate parties to study and report back to the full Roundtable on potential funding sources and funding barriers for the implementation of the Kake/Petersburg intertie project. No later than two weeks prior to the winter Roundtable meeting, this working group will recommend steps for the Roundtable to help resolve identified funding issues and to assist in obtaining funding for the intertie project.

**Action 5:** Approval in concept of letter to support extension on PILT/Secure Schools (to be drafted)

**Next Roundtable Meeting** – Ketchikan September 29-30, 2010

**Other Workshops** – Tongass as a Native Place workshop – Ketchikan September 27-28, 2010