

**CHARTER
COMMUNICATIONS and OUTREACH COMMITTEE
TONGASS FUTURES ROUNDTABLE**

I. PURPOSE

This plan outlines communication strategies to assist Tongass Futures Roundtable members in sharing information about the purpose, goals and actions of the Roundtable with external audiences as well as organizational members. Our purpose is to promote awareness, understanding and ultimately support of the Tongass Futures Roundtable mission and goals through active dialogue and information sharing with external and internal audiences.

External and internal (including TFR members) audiences including media, local, state and federal government representatives and employees, forest users, other resource agencies, environmental organizations, funding foundations, Members of Congress and the general public (with particular emphasis on small SE Alaskan communities).

II. CONVENING VALUES

The Roundtable will include all of those who care for the Tongass by using open, inclusive, and transparent processes to reach out to all Tongass voices. The Roundtable will work to create a positive dialogue and find shared solutions to meet the Roundtable's Purposes. From time immemorial, Tlingit, Haida and Tsimpsian peoples have maintained their stewardship of the lands and waters of Southeast Alaska. The Tongass Futures Roundtable recognizes, values, and respects their customary and traditional way of life and their traditional knowledge.

Recognizing the governance of the Roundtable will evolve over time, this protocol is intended to guide the Communications and Outreach Committee through its efforts to provide value to TFR members, its mission and to the public.

As success of the Roundtable's efforts will only be realized when they are supportable by the diverse interests and stakeholders of the Tongass NF and SE Alaska, it is imperative effective communication approaches exist to facilitate collaboration.

III. GOALS:

Identify opportunities and develop an array of communication tools and techniques for the Roundtable members and chartered committees for the purpose of improving communications.

Conduct internal and external activities to provide an understanding of the Tongass Futures Roundtable mission and goals in order promote support; ideologically and economically.

Work cooperatively with outside groups to maintain dialogue and information exchange as well as address shared concerns regarding natural resource management on the Tongass and Roundtable's involvement.

IV. COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Meeting Schedule: Committee meetings will convene at the call of the chair. Work groups may be created and convened by the chair.

Meeting Minutes: At the start of each meeting a participant will be asked to take notes, which will be distributed to all members soon after.

V. RESPONSIBILITIES OF WORKING GROUP MEMBERS

Good Faith: All members agree to act in a good faith effort to reach consensus in all aspects of the working group's work by encouraging the free and open exchange of ideas, views, and information. All members accept that other participants bring with them the legitimate purposes and goals of their organizations. All parties recognize the legitimacy of the goals of others and assume their own goals will also be respected. Personal attacks and prejudiced statements will not be tolerated.

Time: All members agree to give the working group priority attention, staffing and time.

Exchange of Information: The members of the working group agree to exchange information in good faith. Members agree to provide information in advance of the meeting where such information will advance the committee's work. All members understand that outside of open meetings of the committee there may be exchange of propriety information relevant to committee business which cannot be divulged.

Compensation of Services: Members of the working group shall receive no pay, allowance or benefits by reason of their service on the working group. Individual members will not be excluded.

Code of Ethics: Members of the working group are expected to abide by the Roundtable Code of Conduct.