

Tongass Futures Roundtable

Sitka: February 21-22, 2007

Roundtable Attendance	
<p>Bruce Botelho, Mayor of Juneau (Day 2) Tim Bristol, Director, Trout Unlimited, Alaska Office Denny Bschor, Regional Forester, USDA Forest Service Region 10 Forrest Cole, Supervisor, Tongass National Forest Laurie Cooper, Rainforest Program Director, Alaska Wilderness League Kirk Dahlstrom, Owner, Viking Lumber Owen Graham, Executive Director, Alaska Forest Association (<i>substitute for John Sturgeon</i>) Randy Hagenstein, Acting Director, The Nature Conservancy in Alaska (<i>replacement for David Banks</i>) Joel Hanson, Captain, The Boat Company Rick Harris, Vice President, Sealaska Russell Heath, Director, Southeast Alaska Conservation Council Michael Kampnich, Harbormaster, City of Craig (<i>substitute for Dennis Watson</i>) Leo Luczak, Community Development Director, Petersburg (<i>substitute for Ted Smith</i>)</p>	<p>Aileen Lee, Salmon Program Director, The Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation Chris Maisch, State Forester, State of Alaska Department of Natural Resources Byron Mallott, Senior Fellow, Alaska Native Policy Center, First Alaskans Institute Bill Possiel, President, National Forest Foundation Olleke Rappe-Daniels, Deputy Supervisor, Tongass National Forest Carol Rushmore, Economic Development Director, City of Wrangell Rob Sanderson, Jr., Vice President, Tlingit Haida Central Council (<i>substituting for Ed Thomas</i>) John Schoen, Senior Scientist, Audubon Alaska Brian McNitt, Alaska Rainforest Campaign (<i>substitute for Niel Lawrence</i>) Bruce Wallace, Environmental Chair, United Fishermen of Alaska Murray Walsh, Executive Director, Southeast Conference Randy Wanamaker, Goldbelt Inc.</p>
Priorities – ranked for discussion purposes – February 21	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Protect intact watersheds with important values. 2. Transition from old growth to second growth. 3. Manage timberlands to provide a steady, reliable, and predictable supply of timber to the industry. 4. Manage the Tongass on a balanced multiple use plan that provides employment, goods and services needed by Southeast communities in both the short and long term. 5. Promote, support and fund a forest and riparian restoration program. 6. Intensively manage some areas in order to protect others. 7. Bring finality to land tenure issues including land exchanges, entitlements and classification. 8. Emphasize collaborative decision-making approaches that involve all stakeholders in Tongass decisions. 9. Provide sufficient, economic timber to support an integrated manufacturing industry. 10. Evaluate scientific findings and guide resource managers' decisions on the basis of sound underlying science. 	

Subcommittee meetings		
TFR Actions taken		
Charter	Revision	Approved
New members	Denby Lloyd, Commissioner, Alaska Department of Fish & Game Woody Widmark, Chief, Sitka Tribe of Alaska Elaine Price, Coffman Cove	Approved
TNC in role of fiscal agent	The Nature Conservancy (TNC), serving as Roundtable fiscal agent, will lead development of three-year plan and budget and will seek funds to support Tongass Futures Roundtable Fundraising is a shared commitment by all members	Approved
Framework Subcommittee: Chris Maisch, Chair Owen Graham George Woodbury Russell Heath John Schoen Kirk Dahlstrom Niel Lawrence	Craft clear TLMP recommendations – basic framework: 12 month time-out from timber sales in undeveloped areas along w/timber sales going forward in currently developed areas of forest with examination and reshaping of the Standards and Guides to make them more economic; examine pipeline of existing timber sales. Use for one-year period to test the framework and to more fully develop working relationships and a longer-term or permanent solution. Membership: John Sisk will staff the subcommittee from TNC; Larry Lunde will provide Forest Service tech support and Doug Larson will provide support from ADF&G.	Approved
Next Meeting	Juneau April 5; pre-meeting of subcommittee April 4	Approved