

**CHARTER  
RESTORATION COMMITTEE  
TONGASS FUTURES ROUNDTABLE**

**I. PURPOSE**

The Restoration Committee will work to advance a vision of ecologically appropriate, scientifically supported, and socially beneficial habitat restoration in Southeast Alaska focused on watershed integrity and landscape connectivity. The committee will make recommendations to the Roundtable that facilitate planning and implementation of habitat restoration and enhancement projects on public and private lands such as in-stream, riparian, culvert improvement, road storage and upland thinning. The committee will coordinate restoration and enhancement efforts among committee members. The committee will support demonstration restoration and enhancement projects as appropriate.

**II. CONVENING VALUES**

Recognizing that the governance of the Roundtable will evolve over time, this charter is intended to guide the Restoration Committee through its efforts to add value to the Roundtable outcomes. In the event that the Roundtable disbands or discontinues, and because committee members value the significance of restoration to the future of the Tongass National Forest, SE Alaska, and local communities, committee members and participants who are interested will continue to meet, share information, and collaborate on restoration projects to the extent possible.

**III. GOALS**

- **Partnerships** – Through collaboration and communication we can strengthen and unify existing and proposed restoration efforts, with the goal of establishing the importance of restoration for ecological and social benefits in Southeast Alaska. Because the practice of modern forest management in Southeast Alaska will increasingly incorporate restoration principles and programs, this committee will:
  - Share information on existing projects;
  - Identify and share existing resources for restoration (those resources might be scientific knowledge, institutional capacity, or funding opportunities);
  - Identify opportunities to partner on future projects (or coordinate efforts).
- **Outreach** – The Restoration Committee will develop and implement a forest restoration outreach plan, consisting of communication strategies that explain the need for, and benefits of, restoration; provide an overview of existing projects and future opportunities; and demonstrate the collaborative nature of the projects.
- **Economic opportunities** – The committee will work to identify feasibility and opportunity for restoration projects to provide local benefits, the creation of local jobs and ecosystem services.
- **Funding** – The committee will seek funding for restoration and enhancement projects and make recommendations to the Roundtable for its involvement in fundraising, including advocacy to Congress. By creating a more unified voice for restoration, we will be more successful in convincing leaders and establishing the need for secure funding.
- **Recommendations** – As appropriate, the committee will make recommendations to the full Roundtable for endorsement of projects initiated by the committee or its members.

#### **IV. COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

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

**B. 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**

**A. 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 that their own goals will also be respected. Personal attacks and prejudiced statements will not be tolerated.

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

**C. 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 exchanges of proprietary information relevant to committee business which cannot be publicly divulged.

**D. 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.

**E. Code of Conduct.** Members of the working group are expected to abide by the Roundtable Code of Conduct.