

Code of Conduct Tongass Futures Roundtable

This Code of Conduct is intended to set out our shared expectations of participation in the Roundtable in order to fulfill its purpose, goals and convening values.

A Roundtable member will:

- *Endeavor to attend all meetings of the roundtable.* Recognizing that there are inevitable conflicts in scheduling that may prevent full attendance, the member will seek to be informed of actions taken at meetings at which the member is absent.
- *Come prepared to all meetings.* The member will read materials submitted in advance of meetings and complete assignments given. We all value the importance of time well-spent in meetings.
- *Participate actively in meetings.* Only through constructive dialog among diverse stakeholders can we achieve our purpose.
- *Speak with candor.* We need to be forthright with each other, avoiding the creation of false expectations, even as we strive to find points of agreement.
- *Treat others with respect.* We each bring different perspectives to the Roundtable, perspectives that are often at odds with each other. No member and no viewpoint is less deserving than another to be heard.
- *Mentor new members and alternates.* It can be intimidating to join and actively participate in any established body. Help new participants understand the Roundtable, its protocols and its members. Encourage their active participation.
- *Support the outcomes of the Roundtable.* Each member will support the efforts of the Roundtable among colleagues and the public, even (especially) when it involves risk-taking beyond the comfort zone of one's core constituency.
- *Hold oneself and other members accountable to adherence to the purpose, convening values and goals of the Roundtable.*
- *The Roundtable's success depends on Trust. Members need to conduct themselves so as to foster that trust.* They should strive to alert one another in advance of actions they take outside the Roundtable that would significantly affect its deliberations, like introducing legislation or filing litigation on relevant subjects.
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