

Tongass Futures Roundtable
October 2-3, 2008
Yakutat, Alaska

Agenda

- Challenges facing small communities in SE Alaska
- Tongass and Global Climate Change
- Timber Supply/Conservation
- Open Space – Topics TBD
- Ketchikan Agenda 12/4 – 12/5
 - Sealaska Land Bill
 - Assessment of TFR process
 - Salmon Stronghold partnership
 - Climate Change
- Wood Energy Report

Open Space Topics

- Community Forest
- Mining Subcommittee
- Customary and Traditional Use
- Wood for Energy
- Communication Planning
- Sacred Sites
- Young Growth Management
- Membership
- Energy – Conservation/GHG Reduction
- Restoration Projects
- Collective Message – Resolution of Issues
- Administrative Committee

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Challenges for Small Communities in Southeast Alaska.

- Secure rural schools reauthorization
- Traditional ecological knowledge
- Community forest
 - Priest Lake stewardship contract
 - Workshop – tools and process
 - Coffman Cove pilot
 - Funding package
 - Complete restoration EA
- Broadband Internet access
 - Build opportunities in small communities

- How can we move forward?
- Working Group – Dovichin, Clark, Price, Bristol, Petersen, Jason Anderson, Lindekugel

Climate Change

- Skeptics
- Politics/presidential
- Inventory – data/regional
- Info available
- NW Lab – Pat Brown UAS
- Tom Ainsworth – NWS
- www.juneau.org
- Search: scientific panel
- www.snap.uaf.edu
- Cap and trade opportunity Rappe-Daniels – Need context of what it means in Alaska.

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Administrative Committee Report – Membership issues.

- Small timber, tourism, mining, village/tribal, fishing/mariculture, and small business development. Looking for approval of the categories that deserve higher consideration.
- Have 2 vacancies out of the 35.
- Administrative Committee membership

Communications Committee Report

- Awareness/solicit support
- Communications/marketing plan

Customary and Traditional Use and Sacred Sites

- Subsistence fishing
- Lost River – trespass
- Sealaska legislation
- Duke Island (Ktn)
- Respect land and water
- Subsistence camps
- Communication – information to communities
- Common Ground – SE tribes need to be in talks with the FS.

Young Growth

- Inventory – 3 in process
 - o Southeast Conference
 - o TNC
 - o Central Council of Tlingit and Haida Indians

- Share date/more efficient process
- Next: What kind, how get it out?
 - o Coordinate efforts

Mining

- Mining map
- Guidelines
- Lessons – Kensington, etc.
- Water quality/salmon/coastal resources
- Yakutat mining/Coastal Zone Management
- No mining interest in TFR

Framework Committee

- Staney Creek (POW) unit pool
- TNC/Audubon 5 year plan
- USFS 5 year plan
- TLMP Amendment
 - o 15 appeals
 - o Decision upheld
 - o Additional direction 9/17
 - o Plan is done
 - o Southeast Conference lawsuit
 - o Comparison 97/08 Standards and Guidelines
 - o Appraisal economics
 - o Additional acres in timber base
 - o Fully integrated forest practices industry
 - o 4 10-year timber sales
 - o Second growth product
 - o Work with State of Alaska and TFR

Timber Sale Economics

- Residual value appraisal system
 - Works for average
 - Challenges – different timber
- Look at every cost center
- Explain difference – USFS and State of Alaska
- Standards and guidelines – factor in costs?
 - Selling values (moving target)
 - Costs – road building
 - Standards and Guides
- Administrative process is broken
- Next meet – written proposals
- Sealaska bill – discussion
- Native Values as national policy

- Figure out Wrangell – 25 jobs

Components

- TU - Protect 22 watersheds
- Sealaska - Lands bill
- Define VCU's for timber
- Conservation components/VCU's.
- Keep it simple/big picture
- SEACC Special Areas
- TNC map green and brown.
- Transition to 2nd growth
- Transition to higher value add
- USFS dollars to restoration jobs
- Roadmap to inclusiveness.
- Protect all the fish
- Protection of sacred sites.
- Inventory of 2nd growth
- Compare the maps
- Identify the land base
- Agreement to move forward
- Protect and restore economic viability of our communities = new full time wage jobs
- Reliable adequate economic timber supply
- Pilot project – stewardship project
- Information – supply/demand
- Protect remaining wildlands/wildlife
- Keep roadless
- Site specific analysis/S&G
- Anchorages, karst and caves
- Robust healthy subsistence resources
- Resources for hunter and guides
- Cultural resources
- Volume for Viking, et al. plus growth
- Volume for pellet mill
- Volume for log homes
- Volume for biomass energy
- Attract new capital to the region – public, private, philanthropic
- Tourism infrastructure/marketing – especially for independent traveler
- Do under existing forest plan?
- Solution package includes regional rebranding - sustainability

Dates for 2009 Roundtable meetings

- February meeting in Juneau (Feb 25-26, March 3-4) – Potential for ferry from KTN or WRG to JNU.

- May meeting in Coffman Cove (May 21-22, May 27-28)
- Tribal representatives from Southern and Northern SE.

Other

- TNC 5 year plan was not a comprehensive solution, but responding to a request for an alternative 5 year plan.
- Can revise the current forest plan to address the issues raised here.
- What are the forest service requirements that need to be changed to allow for the plan to work?

Energy

- Wood Energy Workshop
- Sitka – Oct 29-30
- Demand, Young Growth, Supply, Harvest, Solutions, Technical Assistance
- Coffman Cove hydro study/transmission
- Expand PCE – schools, businesses
- Tidal power
- Recommend Energy Working Group – Price, Rappe-Daniels, Wallace, Lawrence, Wright, Kaelke

Assessment of the Roundtable – Successes, failures, works, doesn't work.

- Examine the pure consensus model
- Consider consensus
- Focus – process and structure
- Small work groups bring issues
- More robust work groups/less Roundtable
- Paradigm shift
- Look outside the group/beyond Alaska
- Bring others who have had success
- Struggle – knowing value and purpose
- Success – building relationships, conversation
- Membership
- Note/follow up missing/lack of continuity
- More structure and continuity
- Staff recap of meeting and interim
- Charrette/group review of proposal
- Hold off climate change?

- Proposals for what? In what form?
- Who is responsible? How decide on missing elements?

Proposals

- Look at proposals from open space
- Geographic region
- As complete as possible
- Subset proposals okay
- Charter and Values/tongassfutures.net
- Other issues still on the table
- Candid discussion rules
- Respect for ideas and each other
- Structured components
 - Dave Albert
 - TNC Roundtable staff
 - David Secord