

**CHARTER  
YOUNG GROWTH TIMBER COMMITTEE  
TONGASS FUTURES ROUNDTABLE**

**I. PURPOSE**

Recommend strategies and programs that help transition the timber program of Southeast Alaska from a predominately old-growth<sup>1</sup> timber program to a one where the wood supplied to the industry is predominantly young-growth<sup>2</sup>, recognizing multiple management objectives such as regional and local economic development, stability and diversity, habitat maintenance, enhancement and restoration, and timber stand improvement.

**I. CONVENING VALUES**

Recognizing that the governance of the Roundtable will evolve over time, this charter is intended to guide the Young Growth Timber Committee through its efforts to add value to the Roundtable outcomes.

**II. GOALS**

- Provide an assessment of young growth stand conditions in SE Alaska including location, age class, volume, and range of and range and growth response to silviculture treatments.

- Use this information to provide the basis for recommendations to the Roundtable on:

- Planning the transition from an old-growth to a predominately young growth forest products industry.
- Identifying opportunities to enhance fish and wildlife habitat improvement and timber production.

- Integrate this information into a model to predict timing and volume available under alternative scenarios and time sequences (e.g. production from public, private and non-federal lands / volume and availability with access to all federal areas, restricted areas and development LUDs, etc.)

- Make recommendations to the Roundtable that will:

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<sup>1</sup> Tongass inventory size class 4 (old-growth saw timber greater than 9” dbh and greater than 149 years of age).

<sup>2</sup> Tongass inventory size class 3 (young-growth saw timber greater than 9” dbh and less than 150 years of age). The sub-committee is focusing on young-growth created as a result of previous timber harvest, often called ‘managed stands’. There is presently about 1,100 acres of inventoried naturally occurring young-growth on the Tongass NF, not enough acres in our opinion to be significant to the sub-committees work.

- Identify economic niches, opportunities and barriers to profitable markets for Southeast Alaska young growth forest products.
- Develop strategies to increase profitable markets and/or develop new industries for use of young growth timber to be made into forest products

#### **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.