

Young Growth Timber Committee

Goal: Adopt strategies and programs that help transition the timber program of SE Alaska from a predominately old-growth program to one where the wood supplied to the industry is predominantly young-growth, recognizing multiple management objectives such as regional and local economic development, stability and diversity, habitat maintenance, enhancement and restoration, and timber stand improvement.

Strategic Action	Participants responsible for completing action	Anticipated completion date
<i>YOUNG GROWTH TIMBER AND FOREST ECOLOGY COMMITTEE</i>		
Review technical analysis from sub-committees to the Young Growth timber and Forest Ecology Committee recommend strategic plan for transition from old-growth to young growth, young growth market and alternative forest economies market development and stand management practices to optimize fish & wildlife habitat and timber production.	Young Growth Committee, in collaboration technical sub-committees sawmill operators and other stakeholders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Progress report 12/07 • Federal Energy Policy Act, Farm Bill, Alaska climate change policy recommendations • Progress report 2/08
<i>YOUNG GROWTH INVENTORY AND GROWTH MODEL TECHNICAL SUB-COMMITTEE</i>		
TASK #1. Provide an assessment of all young growth stand conditions in SE Alaska including location, land	Young Growth Inventory and Growth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12/07 preliminary report

ownership, age class, volume, and range of and range and growth response to silviculture treatments.	Model Technical Sub-committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2/08 final report
TASK #2 Integrate the information from the assessment of young growth stand conditions and growth response into a model to predict timing and volume available under alternative scenarios and time sequences.	Young Growth Inventory and Growth Model Technical Sub-committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare charter 12/07 • Preliminary report 2/08
TASK #3 Characterize young growth tree and stand characteristics (e.g. diameter, limbs conditions, height, volume) under alternative management regimes for use in predicting predict tree attributes, quality and market uses.	Young Growth Inventory and Growth Model Technical Sub-committee. Collaboration with “Young Growth Market and Product Development Sub-committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create committee 12/07 • Preliminary report 2/08
<i>YOUNG GROWTH PRODUCT AND MARKET DEVELOPMENT SUB-COMMITTEE</i>		
TASK #1 Identify economic niches, opportunities and barriers to profitable markets for Southeast Alaska young growth forest products	Create technical sub-committee “young growth market and product development committee” membership will require sawmill operators, Ketchikan, Sitka and Madison Laboratories, technical modelers, and other parties and stakeholders.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create committee 12/07 • Prepare charter, scope of work and schedules 2/08

<p>TASK #2 Develop strategies for profitable markets for young growth timber to be made into forest products.</p>	<p>“Young Growth Market and Product Development Sub-committee” membership will require sawmill operators, Ketchikan, Sitka and Madison Laboratories, technical modelers, and other parties and stakeholders</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On-going
<p><i>ALTERNATIVE FOREST ECONOMIES TECHNICAL SUB-COMMITTEE</i></p>		
<p>TASK #1 Characterize young growth stand ecology under alternative management regimes and identification of alternative forest economies (e.g. mitigation banking, ecological services and carbon sequestration).</p>	<p>Create technical sub-committee “Young Growth Forest Ecology and Alternative Economy Development Sub-committee”</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create committee 12/07 • Prepare charter, scope of work and schedules 2/08