



Tongass National Forest Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda

September 10-12, 2014

Meeting Objectives

- 1) Provide informational presentations and discussions regarding the substantive issues before the TAC; and
- 2) Review the types of elements and components to be included in recommendations (including developing an initial set of key questions and a draft process framework for future deliberations)

Location

Travelodge Hotel, Glacier Conference Room, 9200 Glacier Highway, Juneau, Alaska

Wednesday, September 10, 2014

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| 8:00 am | Meeting room open |
| 8:30 am | Welcoming remarks |
| 8:45 am | Agenda review, business Items, and updates since previous meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Review and approve operating procedures</i>• <i>Miscellaneous updates</i> |
| 9:30 am | Presentation – Tongass Forest Plan Amendment <i>Overall architecture of the Plan Amendment, timing and sideboards, relevant plan components, relationship between timber and other resources, overview of the inter-disciplinary team (IDT), current IDT progress on FP Amendment, initial agency momentum on changes to the 2008 Forest Plan per 2012 Planning Rule Requirements, and status of EIS Contract (Susan Howle, Project Manager, Tongass Forest Plan Amendment)</i> |
| 10:15 am | Break |
| 10:45 am | Discussion – Tongass Forest Plan Amendment <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>What are the key questions relative to the Amendment that need to be addressed by the TAC?</i> |

- *Is there any additional information needed beyond what is already available regarding Amendment issues to begin addressing those key questions?*

12:00 pm Lunch

1:00 pm Presentation – Young growth on the Tongass
What is currently known from a range of sources about the geographic, species, and age-class distribution of young growth on the Tongass and in the region (and uncertainties associated with the data), as well as the legal, regulatory and ecological constraints to accessing and/or harvesting young growth, planned harvest schedules, etc. Note: We anticipate having some GIS capability on hand to help address questions regarding spatial distribution of young growth. (Ben Case, Young Growth Coordinator, Tongass National Forest and Sheila Spores, Forest Silviculturalist, Tongass National Forest)

1:45 pm Discussion – Young growth on the Tongass

- *What are the key questions about young growth that need to be addressed by the TAC relative to the transition to primarily young growth harvest?*
- *Is there any additional identification needed beyond what is already available to begin addressing those key questions?*

3:00 pm Break

3:30 pm Discussion continued – Young growth on the Tongass

5:00 pm Adjourn

Evening - No host social event, details TBD

Thursday, September 11, 2014

8:00 am Meeting room open

8:30 am Review day's agenda

8:40 am Presentation – Operational issues
Overview of operational issues for the timber industry associated with current and near-term YG harvest opportunities in SE Alaska (Clarence Clark, Tongass Coordinator and Forester, Alaska Dept. of Natural Resources, Division of Forestry)

- 9:15 am Discussion – Economics, markets, operational considerations, and implications about the impacts of the transition on other resources and interests.
- *What are the key questions about economics, markets, and operational considerations that need to be addressed by the TAC - relative to the transition to primarily young growth harvest?*
 - *Is there any additional identification needed beyond what is already available to begin addressing those key questions?*
 - *What are the implications of the transition to young growth for other resources and interests?*
 - *Is there any additional identification needed beyond what is already available to understand and address those other resources and interests in the context of the transition to primarily young growth harvest?*
- 10:15 am Break
- 10:45 am Discussion continued
- 12:30 pm Lunch
- 1:30 pm Small Group Discussion – Synthesis and prioritization of key topics, questions, and information needs for future TAC deliberations
- *How would you synthesize and prioritize the key topics and questions, keeping in mind the TAC's stated scope, while being mindful of the full range of interests at the table?*
 - *How would you prioritize the information needs that have been identified so far?*
- 3:00 pm Break
- 3:30 pm Full Group Discussion - Synthesis and prioritization of key topics, questions, and information needs for future TAC deliberations
Reports from small groups followed by full group discussion of key topics, questions and information needs.
- 5:00 pm Adjourn

Friday, September 12, 2014

- 8:00 am Meeting room open
- 8:30 am Public Comment

- 9:30 am Discussion - Process agenda for the TAC's deliberations
- *What is the best way to sequence the key topics and questions?*
 - *What are the milestones to achieve between now and March to achieve the goal of recommendations by March 2015*
 - *Would it be helpful to establish any working groups, if so on what topics?*
- 10:45 am Break
- 11:00 am Outstanding business and/or operational items
- *Agenda and logistics for October TAC meeting*
 - *Key messages*
- 12:00 pm TAC member reflections on the meeting
- 1:00 pm Adjourn