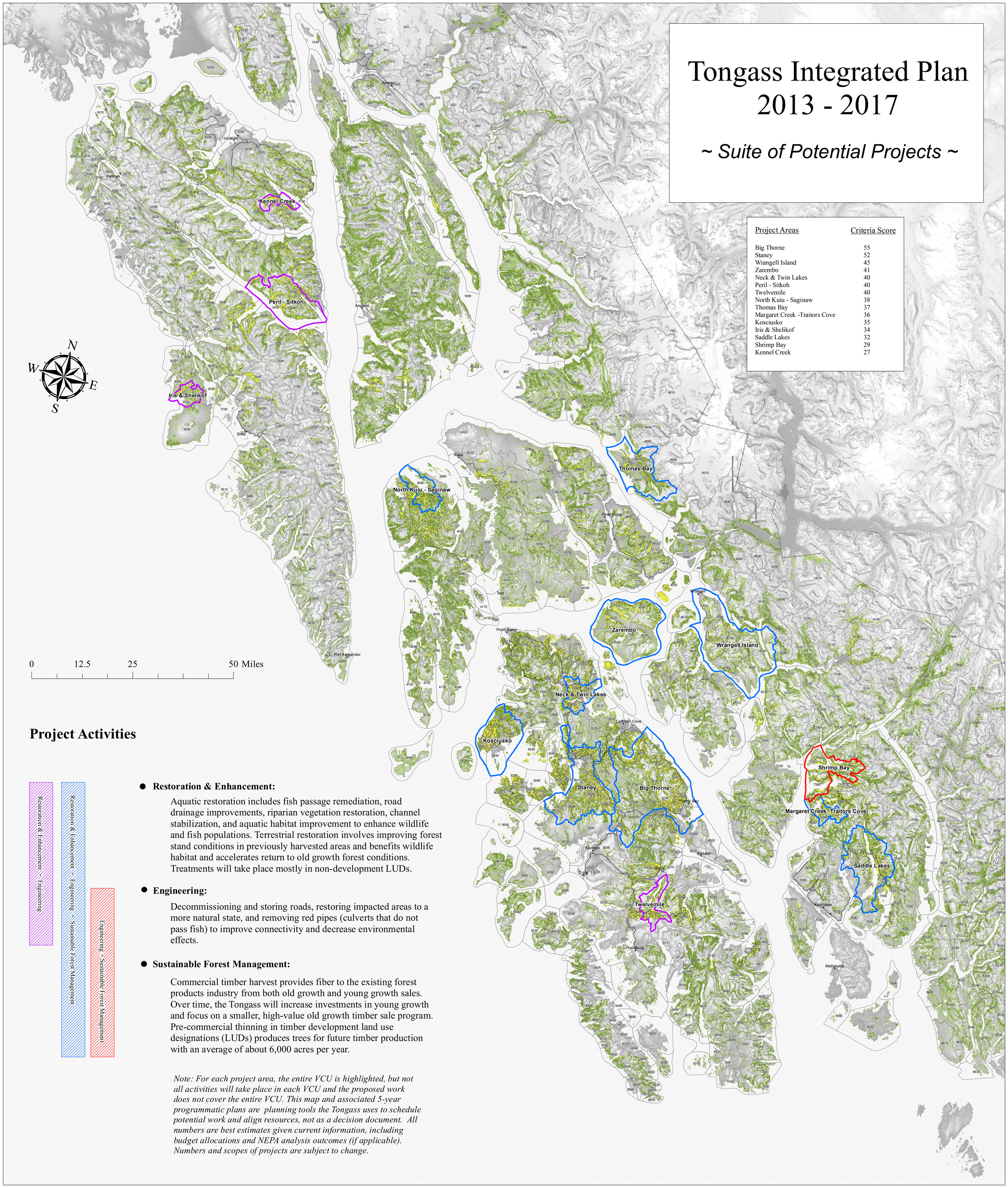
Tongass Integrated Plan 2013 - 2017

~ Suite of Potential Projects ~

Project Areas	Criteria Score
Big Thorne	55
Staney	52
Wrangell Island	45
Zarembo	41
Neck & Twin Lakes	40
Peril - Sitkoh	40
Twelvemile	40
North Kuiu - Saginaw	38
Thomas Bay	37
Margaret Creek -Traitors Cove	36
Kosciusko	35
Iris & Shelikof	34
Saddle Lakes	32
Shrimp Bay	29
Kennel Creek	27



Project Activities

Restoration & Enhancement + Engineering

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- **Restoration & Enhancement:**

  Aquatic restoration includes fish passage remediation, road drainage improvements, riparian vegetation restoration, channel stabilization, and aquatic habitat improvement to enhance wildlife and fish populations. Terrestrial restoration involves improving forest stand conditions in previously harvested areas and benefits wildlife habitat and accelerates return to old growth forest conditions. Treatments will take place mostly in non-development LUDs.

- **Engineering:**

  Decommissioning and storing roads, restoring impacted areas to a more natural state, and removing red pipes (culverts that do not pass fish) to improve connectivity and decrease environmental effects.

- **Sustainable Forest Management:**

  Commercial timber harvest provides fiber to the existing forest products industry from both old growth and young growth sales. Over time, the Tongass will increase investments in young growth and focus on a smaller, high-value old growth timber sale program. Pre-commercial thinning in timber development land use designations (LUDs) produces trees for future timber production with an average of about 6,000 acres per year.

Note: For each project area, the entire VCU is highlighted, but not all activities will take place in each VCU and the proposed work does not cover the entire VCU. This map and associated 5-year programmatic plans are planning tools the Tongass uses to schedule potential work and align resources, not as a decision document. All numbers are best estimates given current information, including budget allocations and NEPA analysis outcomes (if applicable). Numbers and scopes of projects are subject to change.