

2016 Current Fiscal Year Report: Tongass Advisory Committee

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1. Department or Agency	2. Fiscal Year
Department of Agriculture	2016
3. Committee or Subcommittee	3b. GSA Committee No.
Tongass Advisory Committee	2483

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?	5. Current Charter	6. Expected Renewal Date	7. Expected Term Date
No	02/10/2014	02/10/2016	

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?	8b. Specific Termination Authority	8c. Actual Term Date
Yes	41 CFR 102-3.30	02/10/2016

9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year	10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?	10b. Legislation Pending?
Terminate	Not Applicable	Not Applicable

11. Establishment Authority Agency Authority

12. Specific Establishment Authority	13. Effective Date	14. Committee Type	14c. Presidential?
Secretary Memo	07/03/2013	Continuing	No

15. Description of Committee Non Scientific Program Advisory Board

16a. Total Number of Reports No Reports for this Fiscal Year

17a. Open 1 **17b. Closed** 0 **17c. Partially Closed** 0 **Other Activities** 0 **17d. Total** 1

Meetings and Dates

Purpose	Start	End
1. Review Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Tongass National Forest Plan Amendment; 2. Decide whether or not to amend the package of draft recommendations that was approved in May 2015; and 3. Finalize TAC input regarding the Implementation and Monitoring Council.	12/01/2015	12/03/2015

Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 1

	Current FY	Next FY
18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$17,507.00	\$0.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$97,900.00	\$0.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$16,457.00	\$0.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$2,824.00	\$0.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)	\$3,514.00	\$0.00
18d. Total	\$138,202.00	\$0.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.10	0.00

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

The Committee will advise the Secretary of Agriculture, through the Chief of the Forest Service, by providing advice and recommendations for developing an ecologically, socially, and economically sustainable forest management strategy on the Tongass National Forest. Recommendations and advice may directly inform the development of a proposed action for modification of the 2008 Tongass Land Management Plan. This forest management strategy will emphasize a shift to young growth

management. The rationale for shifting to a predominantly young growth-based forest management program is explained in the January, 2013 Leader's Intent Paper, providing overall direction for the Committee. The 5-Year Tongass Integrated Plan (TIP), finalized in May 2013, identified more than 10 years of old growth timber that provides the short term bridge from which the Committee will work. Planning, integration and funding of that program of work has been driven and guided by work on key projects with collaborative partners.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

The Committee will be fairly balanced in its membership in terms of the points of view represented and the functions to be performed. The Committee will be comprised of not more than 15 members. The members appointed to the Committee will be knowledgeable of ecological, social, and economic issues impacting Southeast Alaska, while providing a balanced and broad representation within the following interests: I. Federally Recognized Tribes, Alaska Native Organizations and/or Alaska Native Corporation representatives; ii. National or regional environmental and/or conservation organizations; iii. Timber industry representatives; iv. Federal, State and local government representatives; and v. Other commercial users, those holding land use permits or the public at large.

20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?

Estimated Number of Meetings per Year - 4, or as often as needed to perform its duties.

20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?

The committee is necessary to improve collaborative relationships among the people that use and care for the National Forests and to provide advice and recommendations to the Forest Service concerning the transition and revisions of the Tongass National Forest Plan from old growth timber to 2nd growth timber.

20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?

All meetings are open to the public.

21. Remarks

Tongass Advisory Committee held six advisory committee meetings and made two recommendations in FY2015. Tongass Advisory Committee held one advisory committee meeting in FY2016. DFO requested the committee charter not be renewed following its expiration (2/2016).

Designated Federal Officer

Jason Anderson Deputy Forest Supervisor,
Tongass National Forest

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Araujo, Jaeleen	06/23/2014	06/23/2016	Sealaska Corporation Vice-President,	Representative Member
Cronk, Leslie	10/10/2014	06/23/2016	Southeast Stevedoring Corporation	Representative Member
Hardcastle, Kirk	06/23/2014	06/23/2016	Commercial Fisherman	Representative Member
Jungwirth, Lynn	06/23/2014	06/23/2016	Retired	Representative Member
Maisch, John	06/23/2014	06/23/2016	State of Alaska	Representative Member
McNitt, Brian	06/23/2014	06/23/2016	Alaska Conservation Foundation	Representative Member
Nichols, Eric	06/23/2014	06/23/2016	Alcan Corporation	Representative Member

Peterson, Richard	06/23/2014	06/23/2016	President - Tlingit & Haida Central Council	Representative Member
Rush, Keith	06/23/2014	06/23/2016	The Nature Conservancy	Representative Member
Rushmore, Carol	06/23/2014	06/23/2016	Economic Development Director - City of Wrangell	Representative Member
Steinkruger, Erin	06/23/2014	06/23/2016	Student	Representative Member
Thoms, Andrew	06/23/2014	06/23/2016	Sitka Conservation Society	Representative Member
Troll, Kathryn	01/30/2015	06/23/2016	Juneau Borough Assembly	Representative Member
Widmark, Lawrence	06/23/2014	06/23/2016	Activity Director	Representative Member
Zammit, Jeffrey	06/23/2014	06/23/2016	Retired - Seaalaska Corporation	Representative Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 15

Narrative Description

By providing advice and recommendations for developing an ecologically, socially, and economically sustainable forest management strategy on the Tongass National Forest.

What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

Checked if
Applies

Improvements to health or safety	<input type="checkbox"/>
Trust in government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Major policy changes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Advance in scientific research	<input type="checkbox"/>
Effective grant making	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improved service delivery	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Increased customer satisfaction	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Outcome Comments

Not applicable.

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

None	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Unable to Determine	<input type="checkbox"/>
Under \$100,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$100,000 - \$500,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$500,001 - \$1,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Over \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cost Savings Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Cost Savings Comments

Not applicable.

What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

2

Number of Recommendations Comments

The Committee has provided 2 reviewed recommendations. The recommendations were incorporated into the Tongass Land and Resource Management Plan Amendment DEIS and FEIS (Alternative 5).

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?

0%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

No recommendations have been completed.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?

100%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

2 recommendations are in progress. As of October 2016, the Tongass is reviewing

objections on the Tongass Land and Resource Management Plan Amendment draft decision. The Forest Supervisor preliminarily selected Alternative 5 which includes the committee's recommendation.

Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

Agency Feedback Comments

Secretary Vilsack responded to the committee's draft recommendations related to the Tongass Land Management Plan Amendment (May 21, 2015) in a July 31, 2015 letter. The draft recommendations were forwarded to Tongass Forest Supervisor for consideration and response. As per a letter from Tongass Forest Supervisor on May 25, 2015, the Tongass has begun to take action in response to several of the recommendations, particularly in regard to young-growth inventory and implementation and monitoring.

What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Action Comments

Not applicable.

Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?

No

Grant Review Comments

Not applicable.

How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?

Checked if Applies

Contact DFO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Online Agency Web Site
Online Committee Web Site
Online GSA FACA Web Site
Publications
Other



Access Comments

Not applicable.