

## 2007 Current Fiscal Year Report: Resource Advisory Committees for the Alaska Region

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### 1. Department or Agency

Department of Agriculture

### 2. Fiscal Year

2007

### 3. Committee or Subcommittee

Resource Advisory Committees for the  
Alaska Region

### 3b. GSA

### Committee No.

13816

### 4. Is this New Fiscal Year?

No

### 5. Current Charter

03/24/2006

### 6. Expected Renewal Date

### 7. Expected Term Date

09/30/2007

### 8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

Yes

### 8b. Specific Termination Authority

### 8c. Actual Term Date

09/30/2007

### 9. Agency

### Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Continue

### 10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

No

### 10b.

### Legislation Pending?

Enacted

### 11. Establishment Authority Statutory (Congress Created)

### 12. Specific Establishment Authority

Public Law 106-393

### 13. Effective Date

10/30/2000

### 14. Committee Type

Continuing

### 14c. Presidential?

No

### 15. Description of Committee Non Scientific Program Advisory Board

### 16a. Total

### Number of Reports

No Reports for  
this Fiscal Year

### 17a.

### Open

3

### 17b. Closed

0

### 17c. Partially Closed

0

### Other Activities

0

### 17d. Total

3

### Meetings and Dates

	Purpose	Start	End
[Ketchikan Resource Advisory Committee]	To review, discuss, and vote on project proposals.	09/20/2007	09/20/2007

[Wrangell - Petersburg Resource Advisory Committee]	To review, discuss, and vote on project proposals.	09/20/2007 - 09/20/2007
[Yakutat Resource Advisory Committee]	Review, discuss, and recommend projects.	08/10/2007 - 08/10/2007

**Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 3**

	<b>Current FY</b>	<b>Next FY</b>
<b>18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff</b>	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
<b>18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members</b>	\$1,200.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)</b>	\$700.00	\$700.00
<b>18d. Total</b>	\$21,900.00	\$25,700.00
<b>19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)</b>	0.40	0.40

**20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?**

The scope and objectives of the Resource Advisory Committees of the Alaska Region are to implement Title II provisions of Public Law

106-393, Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000. The duties and responsibilities of the committee are to solicit, review, and recommend projects to the Secretary on the Tongass National Forest, using Title II funds the boroughs set aside for this purpose.

**20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?**

The membership of the RAC is made up of a broad representation of community interests mentioned in the Act. These groups include persons who represent organized labor; developed outdoor recreation, off-highway vehicle users, or commercial recreation activities; energy and mineral development interests; commercial timber industry; hold Federal grazing permits or other land use permits; nationally and regionally or locally recognized environmental organizations, dispersed recreational activities; archaeological and historical interest; nationally or regionally recognized wild horse and burro interests groups; hold state-elected office or their designee; hold county- or local- elected office; represent American Indian tribes; school officials or teachers; and represent the affected public-at-large.

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

There have been a total of twelve RAC meetings in the Alaska region. Each of the three active RACS had four meetings, approximately every other month during the winter and spring. The meetings focused on RAC business related to project solicitation and proposed project review and were relevant.

**20d. Why can't the advice or information this**

**committee provides be obtained elsewhere?**

This committee is essential because Public Law 106-393 requires public representatives from a cross section of interests in the local area to fulfill the mandate of the legislation. No such advisory group with the required broad variety of interests currently exists in these areas in the Alaska Region.

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

N/A

**21. Remarks**

Secretariat advised termination due to lapsed legislation. Agency may bring this committee back on its own authority if legislation is not forthcoming.

**Designated Federal Officer**

Jerry Ingersoll Ketchikan District Ranger

<b>Committee Members</b>	<b>Start</b>	<b>End</b>	<b>Occupation</b>	<b>Member Designation</b>
Coose, Richard [Ketchikan Resource Advisory Committee]	04/29/2005	04/29/2008	Forest management , retired	Representative Member
Erickson, Kari [Ketchikan Resource Advisory Committee]	04/29/2005	04/29/2008	Division Manager, Gray Line	Representative Member
Finney, Brad [Ketchikan Resource Advisory Committee]	04/29/2005	04/29/2008	Alaska Forest Association	Representative Member
Galea, John [Ketchikan Resource Advisory Committee]	04/29/2005	04/29/2008	Forest management, retired	Representative Member
Graham, Owen [Ketchikan Resource Advisory Committee]	04/29/2005	04/29/2008	Executive Director, Alaska Forest Association	Representative Member
Hawkins, Merle [Ketchikan Resource Advisory Committee]	04/29/2005	04/29/2008	Ketchikan Indian Community Tribe	Representative Member
Mitchell, Jim [Ketchikan Resource Advisory Committee]	04/29/2005	04/29/2008	Ketchikan Outdoor Recreation and Trails Coalition	Representative Member
Raine, Mark [Ketchikan Resource Advisory Committee]	04/29/2005	04/29/2008	Ducks Unlimited	Representative Member

Sallee, Michael [Ketchikan Resource Advisory Committee]	04/29/2005	04/29/2008	Tongass Conservation Society	Representative Member
Shay, John [Ketchikan Resource Advisory Committee]	04/29/2005	04/29/2008	Assembly member	Representative Member
Slenkamp, Paul [Ketchikan Resource Advisory Committee]	04/29/2005	04/29/2008	Alaska DNR	Representative Member
Vickrey, Gregory [Ketchikan Resource Advisory Committee]	04/29/2005	04/29/2008	Tongass Conservation Society director	Representative Member
Weichelman, Kathleen [Ketchikan Resource Advisory Committee]	04/29/2005	04/29/2008	Ketchikan Outdoor Recreation and Trails Coalition	Representative Member
Anderson, Paul [Wrangell - Petersburg Resource Advisory Committee]	04/20/2005	04/20/2008	Petersburg mayor pro tem	Representative Member
Christensen, Geneva [Wrangell - Petersburg Resource Advisory Committee]	04/20/2005	04/20/2008	Commercial timber	Representative Member
Hursey, Scott [Wrangell - Petersburg Resource Advisory Committee]	04/20/2005	04/20/2008	Captain, Yacht Company	Representative Member
Kohrt, Richard [Wrangell - Petersburg Resource Advisory Committee]	04/20/2005	04/20/2008	Ducks Unlimited	Representative Member
Luczak, Leo [Wrangell - Petersburg Resource Advisory Committee]	04/20/2005	04/20/2008	Local resident of Southeast Alaska	Representative Member
Marsh, Otis [Wrangell - Petersburg Resource Advisory Committee]	04/20/2005	04/20/2008	Local resident of Southeast Alaska	Representative Member
Murgas, John [Wrangell - Petersburg Resource Advisory Committee]	04/20/2005	04/20/2008	Local recreation community	Representative Member
Murrison, Nancy [Wrangell - Petersburg Resource Advisory Committee]	04/20/2005	04/20/2008	Developed outdoor recreation	Representative Member
Prunella, Robert [Wrangell - Petersburg Resource Advisory Committee]	04/20/2005	04/20/2008	Local resident of Southeast Alaska	Representative Member
Rak, Paula [Wrangell - Petersburg Resource Advisory Committee]	04/20/2005	04/20/2008	Rain Forest Creations, guide outdoor expeditions	Representative Member
Roberge, Scott [Wrangell - Petersburg Resource Advisory Committee]	04/20/2005	04/20/2008	Southeast Alaska Conservation Council	Representative Member
Rushmore, Paul [Wrangell - Petersburg Resource Advisory Committee]	04/20/2005	04/20/2008	Southeast Alaska archaeological and history researcher	Representative Member
Todd, Stephen [Wrangell - Petersburg Resource Advisory Committee]	04/20/2005	04/20/2008	Southeast Alaska Conservation Council	Representative Member

Wilson, Peggy [Wrangell - Petersburg Resource Advisory Committee]	04/20/2005	04/20/2008	Alaska State Representative, District 2	Representative Member
Wilson, Woody [Wrangell - Petersburg Resource Advisory Committee]	04/20/2005	04/20/2008	Developed outdoor recreation	Representative Member
Chadwick, Scott [Yakutat Resource Advisory Committee]	09/25/2005	09/25/2008	Charter boat operator	Representative Member
Coston, Rhonda [Yakutat Resource Advisory Committee]	09/25/2005	09/25/2008	Southeast Alaska community resident	Representative Member
Eades, Loretta [Yakutat Resource Advisory Committee]	09/25/2005	09/25/2008	Parks and Recreation	Representative Member
Henniger, Eileen [Yakutat Resource Advisory Committee]	09/25/2005	09/25/2008	Tribal wildlife biologist	Representative Member
Jacobson, Katherine [Yakutat Resource Advisory Committee]	09/25/2005	09/25/2008	Planning and Policy Council	Representative Member
Jensen, Rhoda [Yakutat Resource Advisory Committee]	09/25/2005	09/25/2008	Tribal language instructor	Representative Member
Matsko, John [Yakutat Resource Advisory Committee]	09/25/2005	09/25/2008	Fishing guide	Representative Member
Powell, Larry [Yakutat Resource Advisory Committee]	09/25/2005	09/25/2008	Southeast Alaska Conservation Council	Representative Member
Ramos, Judith [Yakutat Resource Advisory Committee]	09/25/2005	09/25/2008	Research--traditional cultures of Alaska	Representative Member
Sandhofer, Paul [Yakutat Resource Advisory Committee]	09/25/2005	09/25/2008	Tour operator	Representative Member
Sensmeier, Raymond [Yakutat Resource Advisory Committee]	09/25/2005	09/25/2008	Native Harbor Seal Commission	Representative Member
Silvernail, Suzanne [Yakutat Resource Advisory Committee]	09/25/2005	09/25/2008	Recreation activities	Representative Member
Stone, David [Yakutat Resource Advisory Committee]	09/25/2005	09/25/2008	Teacher	Representative Member
Vale, John [Yakutat Resource Advisory Committee]	09/25/2005	09/25/2008	Fisherman	Representative Member
Wolfe, Ronald [Yakutat Resource Advisory Committee]	09/25/2005	09/25/2008	Forester	Representative Member

**Number of Committee Members Listed: 43**

## **Narrative Description**

This Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) is mandated by Congress, under section 205 of PL 106-393, the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000. The Committee was established for two purposes: (1) to improve collaborative relationships among the people who use and care for the National Forests and the Forest Service, which manages the lands; and (2) to provide advice and recommendations to the Forest Service in identifying and implementing broadly supported land management projects that maintain existing infrastructure, enhance

forest ecosystems, and improve land health and water quality. The RAC directly supports the agency's mission goal for ecosystem health: to Promote ecosystem health and conservation using a collaborative approach to sustain the Nations's forests, grasslands, and watersheds.

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

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

**Outcome Comments**

NA

**What are the cost savings associated with this committee?**

	Checked if Applies
None	<input type="checkbox"/>
Unable to Determine	<input checked="" 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**

NA

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

15

**Number of Recommendations Comments**

NA

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

100%

**% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments**

NA

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

0%

**% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments**

NA

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

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

**Agency Feedback Comments**

The agency provides feedback by involving the RAC in monitoring the implementation of the recommended projects.

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

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input checked="" 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**

NA

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

No

**Grant Review Comments**

NA

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

Checked if Applies

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

**Access Comments**

This committee is inactive due to the non-renewal of the authorizing legislation.