



# Tongass Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda

October 8-10, 2014

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## Meeting Objectives

- 1) Conduct work session site visits and field trips to inform TAC deliberations;
- 2) Host presentations and discussion on broader economic trends and conditions associated with the transition; and
- 3) Continue discussions of substantive issues for which the TAC is interested in possibly developing recommendations.

## Location: Prince of Wales Island

- Wednesday and Friday: Fireweed Lodge, 6851 Klawock Hollis Hwy., Klawock, AK
- Thursday: Bay Chalet, 1008 Sandy Beach Road, Thorne Bay, AK

<b>Wednesday, October 8, 2014 – Fireweed Lodge, Klawock, AK</b>
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7:30 am      **Meeting room open**

8:00 am      **Welcome, meeting expectations, updates and agenda review**

- Ground rules and TAC vision statement
- Feedback regarding September meeting and expectations for this meeting
- Forest Plan Amendment Update
- Any other updates
- Agenda review and overview of field trip locations/logistics

8:45 am      **Work Group Discussions**

Work group time to review/finalize initial work products and prepare information and questions for presentation to the full TAC

- Land Base/Land Use Designations
- Standards and Guidelines
- Purpose and Need Statement

10:15 am      **Break**

- 10:30 am      **Work Group Reports and Q&A**  
Work groups reports. Each work group will present their progress to date to the full TAC, followed by Q&A and feedback
- 12:00 pm      **Adjourn formal meeting**  
Get box lunches and gather belongings for the field trip
- 12:30 pm      **Depart for Work session Field Trip**
- 1:30 pm      **Impacts and Restrictions on Young Growth Availability – RMA, TTRA, etc**  
**Location:** Staney Area  
**Possible Discussion Topics:**
- Implications of fisheries management, stream-level stand objectives, etc. on young growth management
  - Potential impacts of RMAs, TTRAs, and other constraints on young growth availability for commercial purposes
- 2:45 pm      **Travel to Young Growth Stand**
- 3:15 pm      **Young Growth Stand on the Tongass**  
**Location:** TBD  
**Possible Discussion Topics:**
- Variability inherent to many older young growth stands on the Tongass
  - Definitions of a “stand,” including FACTs, natural growth, original harvest, etc.
  - Stand- and landscape-level management options and prescriptions for wildlife habitat
- 4:15 pm      **Depart for Fireweed**
- 5:30 – 6:30      **Community Meet and Greet, Fireweed Lodge, Klawock**

**Thursday, October 9, 2014 – Thorne Bay, AK**

7:30 am **Depart Klawock for Work session Field Trip**

*Possible Discussion Topics: Stop at various private mills on Prince of Wales to gain perspective from mill owners on interest in use of young growth, current and future opportunities for young growth, capacity of mills currently in the area and the variety of manufacturing operations*

11:30pm **Arrive Thorne Bay School**

- Tour Thorne Bay biomass burner and greenhouse

12:00 pm **Bay Chalet / Lunch Community Meet and Greet**

1:30 pm Resume Formal Meeting  
**Public Comment**

2:00 pm **Break**

2:15 pm **Presentation and Discussion: Wood Products Industry – Economics and Markets (Nicole Grewe, Economic Analyst) Take-aways and Lessons**

3:45 Break

4:15 **Full TAC discussion:** What are the major take-aways, lessons and questions arising from the presentations and field trips?

5:00 pm **Adjourn/Return to Fireweed**

**Friday, October 10, 2014 – Klawock, AK**

8:00 am **Meeting room open**

8:30 am **Review day's agenda and travel logistics**

8:45 am **Public comment**

- 9:15 am      **Recommendations – Initial Brainstorm (possibly conducted as a small group exercise)**  
What might a package of TAC recommendations contain (perhaps organized around work-group topics)?
- 10:00 am      **Break**
- 10:30 am      **Recommendations – Full TAC Discussion**
- Small group reports to full group on their brain-storming exercise
  - Discussion regarding possible recommendations
  - Identify questions and issues that need to be explored to develop the recommendations package, and specify work group assignments
- 12:30 pm      **Working Lunch (to include flight training if necessary)**
- 1:00 pm      **Logistics and planning for next meetings**  
Logistics of November meeting in Sitka, and schedule dates/locations for meetings to occur after the New Year
- 1:20 pm      **Meeting reflections**
- Key Messages
  - Member reflection on the meeting and process to date
- 2:00 pm      **Adjourn**

Note: If the fixed wing flight is cancelled we could dedicate some time in the afternoon to work group meetings.