

## **A Brief History of the SE Alaska All-Landowners' Group (LOG)**

### Introduction

Below is a brief and incomplete recent history of the SE Alaska All-Landowners' Group (LOG). It has been developed by DOF staff (Mike Cooney, July 2022) using existing electronic files, some dating to as far back as 2014, recently obtained from the Trust Land Office.

Future facilitation of LOG meetings will be the responsibility of staff at DNR, Office of Project Management and Permitting (OPMP). Under terms of the TYG II Transition CCSA and with funding supplied by SASS, DNR, Division of Forestry (DOF) staff will manage project initiatives approved by the Group.

### LOG Establishment

The history of the SE Alaska All-Landowners' Group extends back at least as far as October 21, 2014, when the Alaska Mental Health Trust Land Office, University of Alaska Statewide Office of Land Management, and the Alaska DNR, Division of Forestry signed a formal Statement of Intent (SOI):

*"The purpose of this SOI is to document the parties' intention to cooperate in order to further their separate missions concerning their timber resources. The parties to this SOI hereby express their intent to establish a reciprocal relationship to share facilities that support timber resource management and to waive the collection of use fees that any party to this SOI could charge to any other party for land use, for access across another party's land, or for any associated use fees in connection with land and timber resource management by any of the parties, to the extent permitted by law..."*

The SOI further described the mutual interests of the parties:

*"DOF, TLO and UA have comparable and complementary missions concerning timber resources, and each professionally manages extensive lands bordering on or in proximity to the other parties' lands. In carrying out their separate missions, DOF, TLO and UA may often need to use another party's real property or services for access, staging, communications, or similar temporary activities, for which each affected party might normally charge a fee. The fees for which DOF, TLO and UA could charge each other are acknowledged to be of similar magnitude, but assessing and collecting these fees from each of the other parties would require significant administrative work and costs by the affected parties.*

*DOF, TLO and UA agree that it will be mutually beneficial, and in each party's own best interests and, in the case of the TLO, in the interests of the beneficiaries of the Alaska Mental Health Trust, and in the case of UA, to the benefit of the Land Grant Trust Fund (LGTF), to waive the collection of these fees in order to avoid the administrative costs, to*

*save employee time for more productive activity, and to better facilitate their separate but complementary missions. Further, this SOI reflects the collaborative working relationship desired by DOF, TLO and UA.”*

### Mission Statement

By the Spring of 2015, LOG membership was expanded to include additional representation and participation from other stakeholders, including forest and land owners/managers in SE Alaska, and a mission statement for the Group was drafted and approved:

*The purpose of the group is to coordinate operations, find efficiencies and share infrastructure among the major landowners in Southeast Alaska in order to support resource management activities, while preserving the inherent property rights of the parties in carrying out their separate missions. We will look for opportunities for collaboration in order to support individual landowner’s interest while maintaining viable communities affected by our operations. (Signed May 28, 2015)*

### Member Entities

To date, LOG membership has included representation from:

- AFA
- Sealaska Corp.
- Cape Fox Corp.
- Long Island Trust
- Kavilco
- Haida Corp.
- Klawock Indigenous Stewards Forest Partnership
- Alcan Forest Products
- Forest Service, Tongass NF
- State & Private Forestry
- UA
- TLO
- DNR, Division of Forestry and Fire Protection
- DNR, Division of Mining, Land and Water

### Facilitation of Group Meetings

Currently, the LOG is facilitated by Sylvia Kreef/OPMP. Previously, several entities have served as Group Facilitator:

- AFA
- UA
- TLO
- DOF
- OPMP

## Member Representatives

The following individuals represented their corporation, non-profit or agency in meetings and/or activities of the LOG. \* Denotes current representatives as of February 2023:

### **DNR, Division of Forestry**

John "Chis" Maisch  
Tim Dabney  
Jim Eleazer\*  
Steve Connelly\*  
Hans Rinke  
Ed Soto  
Greg Staunton\*  
Paul Keech  
Mike Cooney\*

### **DNR, Trust Land Office**

Wyn Menefee  
Paul Slenkamp  
Jeff Hermanns\*  
Chandler Long\*  
Jusdi Doucet

### **DNR, Division Mining, Land and Water**

Marty Parsons  
Lee Cole  
Virginia Batts

### **UASOLM**

Jerry Kilanowski  
Christine Klein  
Patrick Kelly  
Elaine Main  
Laura Carmack  
Chelsey Okonek\*  
Tina Thomas\*

### **US Forest Service**

Dave Harris  
Dave Zimmerman  
Earl Stewart  
Charlie Streuli  
Sheila Spores\*

Troy Heithecker  
Jerry Ingersoll  
Frank Sherman\*  
Tyler Gunn\*

**USFS State & Private Forestry**

Michael Shepard\*  
Priscilla Morris\*

**Sealaska Corporation and ANCs**

Jason Gubatayao\*  
Clare Doig\* Forest & Land Management, Inc.  
Jim Tuttle  
Mitchell Haldane  
Paul Slenkamp\* Broad Horizons Land Management

**Klawock Indigenous Stewards Forest Partnership**

Quinn Aboudara\*

**Alcan Forest Products**

Eric Nichols\*

**Alaska Forest Association**

Tessa Axelson\*  
Clarence Clark\*  
Bert Burkhart\*  
Jeff Hermanns

**Terra Verde, Inc.**

Brian Kleinhenz\*

Previous LOG Project Initiatives

The LOG has authorized and supported the following project initiatives related to its mission statement:

- Continue collaboration between all parties to maintain a viable timber industry in SE Alaska.
- Develop formal agreement(s) between the parties to share roads and other timber infrastructure in the region – Master Agreement.
  - Develop a process to secure approved access across Tongass NF System lands where no road exists.

- Develop a SE Alaska timber-related infrastructure database (GIS).
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- Transfer management and permitting responsibilities for some infrastructure components from DMLW to DOF via inter-agency land management agreements (ILMAs) - LTF's, bark disposal areas, rafting grounds, barge and ship loading facilities and moorage, short-term moorage, docks, sort yards and related roads, wood waste disposal sites, work camps and associated facilities and infrastructure, material sites related to forest management, temporary roads, non-exclusive easements and temporary communication sites and facilities related to forest management.
- Maintain a coordinated 5-Year Timber Sale Volume projection (spreadsheet showing YG and OG timber volumes) across ownerships.
- Address long term helicopter contract needs for success in SE Alaska operations.
- Develop GNA timber sales.
- Develop a new challenge cost share agreement to support the many projects being pursued by the LOG.
- Promote workforce development, including training, recruitment, and retention of forestry positions in all represented organizations.
- Promote and support and funding for Pre-Commercial Tree thinning in the region.
- Promote and support completion of the Shelter Cove Road and bridges project.
- Consider funding a study to compare CMAI to the “two-log method” over a three-rotation period.
- Facilitate the sharing of resource information.