

ALASKA TIMBER JOBS TASK FORCE - MEETING NOTES

Meeting #1 - Teleconference

3:00-4:30 July 27, 2011

Introductions

Present: Chris Maisch, Kyle Moselle, Owen Graham, Beth Pendleton, Bryce Dahlstrom, Brad Cox, Elaine Price

Absent: Randy Ruaro, Susan Bell

Task force organization

- Working group
 - Use working groups/ad hoc committees as needed, including technical experts
 - Bring in speakers for presentations as needed
 - Draw on info developed by other entities where possible (e.g., BOF, SEC, Transition framework)
- Voting/consensus; majority of appointed members (5 members) = quorum (AO 258 §6)
 - If a consensus is not readily reachable, take a vote and report various positions
 - A simple majority constitutes the majority position
 - Note that USFS or other members may have to abstain on some votes
- Public input and interaction (AO 258 §6)
 - Have opportunity for comments near the end of the meeting
 - Ask for commenters to submit comments in writing; if not feasible record summary of key points in minutes
- Media interaction
 - Speak as individual, not on behalf of the Task Force unless designated to do so by the chair or the Task Force
 - Chair is the point person for media contact
- Clarify balance of statewide and Tongass focus on Task Force
 - Topics 1-4 are statewide (AO 258 §2)
 - Topics 5-9 are focused on the Tongass (AO 258 §2)
 - Keep track of recommendations by FRPA Regions for topics 1-4
 - Briefing on Region II-III logging and industry

Review and clarify products and deadlines

- July 30, 2011 preliminary report (AO 258 §4)
 - Recommend new date for Sept. 15, build on white papers
- July 1, 2012 final report (AO 258 §4)
- Report on Tongass timber demand (AO 258 §2 #6)

- USFS does annual report; don't limit analysis to USFS data
- DCCED starting recruitment for forest economist, need someone to help ID supply
- Target date to be determined
- Quarterly reports on possible Tongass timber sales (AO 258 §2 #7)
 - USFS reports available
 - Do quarterly report with comments to USFS districts on how to improve proposed sales; can build on work by Kyle Moselle and Clarence Clark
 - Target October 31, 2011 for first quarterly report
- Annual report on current and potential Tongass wood products (AO 259 §2 #8)
 - Start by summarizing existing reports
 - Target Sept. 15, 2011
 - Immediate need in SE
 - Consider doing for other Regions II and III also

Introduction to collection of existing information sources

- Will update as additional sources are available
- Can post Task Force products on the DOF website

Public Comment

- No members of the public commented at this meeting

Logistics

- August 3 teleconference agenda items
 - Review the nine purposes in the administrative order and identify subtopics and approaches (AO 258 §2)
 - DOF will send out white papers in advance summarizing forest resources, existing industry, and major forest industry issues
- August meeting location and time
 - Moved to August 18
 - Coffman Cove if possible, Craig or Ketchikan as backup

Other attendees

Rick Rogers
 Clarence Clark
 Marty Freeman
 Ruth Monahan