

ALASKA TIMBER JOBS TASK FORCE - MEETING NOTES

Meeting #4 - Web conference

September 9, 2011

Introductions

Present: Susan Bell, Bryce Dahlstrom, Owen Graham, Kyle Moselle, Elaine Price, Randy Ruaro (8/18 only), and Ruth Monahan USFS Liaison to the Task Force (in person 8/18, by phone 8/19). Absent: Brad Cox

Review minutes from August 18-19, 2011. The minutes were approved with minor changes.

Review draft preliminary report.

- The Task Force incorporated edits to the preliminary report draft
- Clark, Moselle, and Graham will draft new language to add on the Tongass Timber Reform Act, USFS annual timber demand assessments, and the need to revise the Tongass Land Management Plan.
- Maisch and Freeman will revise the section on old-growth and new-growth to explain that the two timber types support different industries, that some products can only come from old-growth, and more time is needed to develop significant young-growth.
- Clark will draft a new section on the draft USFS planning process rules.
- Maisch will consider whether money for Southeast State Forest road maintenance and silviculture should be included in funding needs.
- New sections are due to Freeman by COB Monday, September 12, and the revised draft will be sent to the Task Force by noon Tuesday, September 13. The Task Force will review and comment on the revisions by e-mail. The final report is due to the Governor on Thursday, September 15.

Confirm plans for October 7-8 meeting in Coffman Cove.

- Price will send out information on access to and from Coffman Cove.
- Task Force members should notify Freeman and Price if they plan to overnight in Coffman Cove on October 7.
- Task Force members should contact Mindy Byron (Melinda.byron@alaska.gov) to make travel arrangements to Coffman Cove.
- There is no restaurant -- dinner will be provided for October 7.
- Meeting times are 11:00 -5:00 Oct. 7, 8:00-1:00 Oct. 8

Other attendees

Mike Curran, DOF