

## ALASKA TIMBER JOBS TASK FORCE - MEETING NOTES

### Meeting #2 - Teleconference

3:00-4:30 p.m. August 3, 2011

#### Introductions

Present: Chris Maisch, Kyle Moselle, Ruth Monahan, Brad Cox, Bryce Dahlstrom, Owen Graham, Elaine Price, Susan Bell, Randy Ruaro (Schedule problems, joined for last portion of meeting)

#### Review of July 27 Teleconference Notes

- Outline form is sufficient
- No corrections to Meeting #1 notes

#### Alternate Representative for Task Force

- Each member of the task force needs to designate an alternate to serve in their place in case of member absence.
- Alternate will be updated on existing and future correspondence and information

#### Face to Face Meeting Logistics

- August 18-19 in Ketchikan at B. W. Landing
  - Contact Mindy Byron for any travel assistance at (907) 225-3070 or [melinda.byron@alaska.gov](mailto:melinda.byron@alaska.gov)

#### Review Nine Purposes of the Order

- Preliminary Report due September 15, 2011
- **Item 1 - Management that will encourage economical timber harvests in the future**
  - Use of the words “traditional” and “economic timber harvesting” in the same sentence creates quite a quandary
  - Owen Graham said that traditional and economic to the Timber industry means that the primary purpose is to provide timber to the mills, and both the loggers and the mills have an opportunity to make a profit.
  - Important to note any existing pre-commercial thinning (PCT) backlog that could accelerate economic development
- **Item 2 - Future additions of state land to existing state forests**

- Further review of University land holdings
- Further review of Regions II and III
- **Item 3 - Creation of new state forests featuring timber harvest and economic development**
  - Plan to consider creation of State forest in Southcentral currently underway
  - Board of Forestry review of Kenai and Copper River areas further out
- **Item 4 - Changes or amendments to state statutes and regulations governing timber harvest**
  - Amendment that would allow state better authority to manage long term contracts and encourage financial commitments
  - Examine authority state has through long term contracts longer than 10 years
- **Item 5 - Land selected, conveyed or pending that may be exchanged**
  - Icy Bay, review University exchange lands list
  - Marty Parsons, DMLW will be presenting at August 18-19 meeting on land status, criteria and selections
- **Item 6 - Current demand for timber sales**
  - Susan Bell, Owen Graham, Elaine Price offer to form a subcommittee to provide input on this item
- **Item 7 - Identifying timber sales on the TNF that would meet demand**
  - Report due October 30, 2011
  - Invitation to USFS to attend August 18-19 meeting and provide update on their annual schedule, stages of NEPA documents, etc.
- **Item 8 - Current wood products and potential new wood products and uses**
  - Report due September 15, 2011
  - Compile existing information
- **Item 9 - Recommended areas of research relating to the TNF and impacts on wildlife**
  - Deer model, wolf topic and overall conservation strategy per the 2008 Tongass Plan Amendment could be topics for consideration. (See draft from ADF&G on this subject)

#### **Commissioner Bell's Advice**

- Focus on job creation
- Identify what is standing in the way
- Update positions, make recommendations, submit changes as soon as possible

**Randy Ruaro**

- Jeff Jones is the new special assistant at the governor's office

**Public Comment**

- No members of the public commented at this meeting

Other attendees

Mindy Byron

Clarence Clark

Pamalyn Duvall

Pat Palkovic

Rick Rogers

Paul Slenkamp

Greg Staunton

George Woodbury