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FALSE ISLAND-KOOK LAKE COUNCIL      December 7, 1993  
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About 10 years ago a few Tenakee residents formed a loosely organized SEACC member group called the False Island-Kook Lake Council. FIKL members worked for the Tongass Timber Reform Act that protected Kadashan and Trap Bay from clearcutting.

The next few years will bring both new threats to Tenakee Inlet and opportunities to craft a new vision of a sustainable future. Some of the issues ahead:

- \*Southeast Chichagof timber sale- Appeal denied, Saltery Bay and Crab Bay slated for more clearcutting soon.
- \*Caves/Karst- Discoveries of significant caves in Chatham area could force changes in USFS management.
- \*Seal Bay, Long Bay, Goose Flats- All slated for intensive clearcutting in the most recent version of TLMP.
- \*Wild and Scenic Rivers- An opportunity to gain legislated protection for some streams.
- \*Eight Fathom timber sale- USFS has suggested a road across Tenakee Portage.
- \*APC mill closure- Will USFS cancel 50-year contract or make APC's sweetheart deal even sweeter?
- \*Indian River- USFS plans to go back in 1996.

We believe it is time to make FIKL a formal non-profit group, recruit new members, and raise some money. Funds raised will help cover the steady expenses of phone calls, postage, copies, etc. and help meet FIKL's obligations as a SEACC member group. We want to keep dues as low as possible: \$5 per member or \$10 per family group. If you can afford to give more it will be put to good use! Until December 31 the Alaska Conservation Foundation will match your donation, up to \$25 per person.

FIKL will have a meeting January 15, to elect officers, approve by-laws and talk about the future of Tenakee Inlet. If we work together we can make a difference.

*Happy Holidays! Hope we  
hear from you.. Diane Ziel*

*Season's Greetings!  
Wally Kemp*

FALSE ISLAND-KOOK LAKE COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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Name (s) \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_ Amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Interest:  Subsistence  Sport Hunting-Fishing  Hunting-Fishing  
Guide  Forest Product Manufacturer  Tourism  Other \_\_\_\_\_  
Comments/Suggestions \_\_\_\_\_

Send to: FIKL BOX 621 Tenakee Springs AK 99841

CHICHAGOF CONSERVATION COUNCIL;  
TENAKEE SPRINGS

The Tenakee Springs member group has officially changed it's name from False Island -Kook Lake Council to Chichagof Conservation Council. We had a lot of fun with our original name, which was a tongue in cheek choice, when, in the middle of the Kadashan Road litigation, the Forest Service coyly changed the official name of the Kadashan Road to the False Island-Kook Lake Road. We decided on a new name to reflect the area we are trying valiantly to protect from further destruction.

One of our major goals for this year is to try to insure cancellation of APC's contract. This contract has had a detrimental effect on our community for years. It's always amazed me to go to Forest Service sponsored meetings and repeatedly be told that, "Yes, your concerns for subsistence, tourism, wildlife habitat, fisheries etc are valid, but, gee, there is nothing that we can do...because of the contracts."

Increasingly, Tenakee Springs residents are making their living from the natural resources of the area. The community supports a mini-sawmill and several small forest products industries. While the APC contract is in force they are unable to get timber at a competitive rate or in many cases at all. Tourism is an important part of the economic base of Tenakee Springs. There is a new lodge in Tenakee as well as several charter operators. It has become a favorite vacation spot for visitors from around the world. Despite the fact that the Forest Service puts campgrounds in clear cuts, that is not what our visitors come to see...quite the opposite, I've never heard a positive comment on a clear cut from a visitor!

Some communities may feel that they have only an industrial strength timber industry to fall back. We know that long term sustainable use of the forest, that takes into account all forest uses and users, is the only way that our community and ultimately the forest will survive. This means cancellation of the timber contracts.