

CHICHAGOF CONSERVATION COUNCIL
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The Alaska Conservation Foundation (ACF) is once again offering a three month membership drive matching-grant challenge. ACF challenges grass roots organizations to get new members and will match up to \$25.00 for each new membership.

The Chichagof Conservation Foundation has chosen July, August and September as our three month challenge period. We want to involve all our members in this challenge.

With the election last fall, Alaska's Congressional Delegation has been placed in leadership positions on key committees. The Tongass has come under attack from the very people that should be protecting it; our U.S. Senators and Representative. Locally Kadashan, Trap Bay, Seal Bay and Long Bay have been offered up as areas that may be chainsawed into oblivion! These are areas that were deemed important enough to be protected in the Tongass Land Management Plan and the Tongass Timber Reform Act, a compromise bill that was widely supported by both parties and environmentalists and that the senate passed unanimously. Both Alaskan senators voted for the Tongass Timber Reform Act.

Senator Murkowski introduced a New Native Claims bill last session that would have given five new village corporations, including one in Tenakee, up to seven townships of land, a total of 645,000 acres. The bill specifically targeted protected areas like Kadashan and Trap Bay and specifically mentions use for logging. Although the 1994 bill died at the end of the last session Senator Murkowski is expected to reintroduce a Native Claims Bill. In addition, he has already held hearings to review the Tongass Timber Reform Act and the APC Contract cancellation and is expected to introduce and ram through significant legislation gutting those landmark advances in Tongass Management. Senator Stevens has put language in budget bills that would limit protection for habitat conservation areas and would limit our ability to seek legal remedies when illegal forest management decisions have been made. And what is Representative Don Young up to?! He wants to abolish the National Forest system entirely!!!

In the past year CCC helped three local people go back to Washington, D.C. to testify in hearings and visit congressional offices to spread the word about the Tongass. Our old friends in Congress and new members need to hear about the people of the Tongass, who we are, how we live and make our living and what we need in the way of Tongass management. CCC was also involved in and funded a project to reproduce maps and develop graphs that

depict, in color, the different land types in the Tongass. These color visual aids help explain why, even though only a small percentage of the Tongass is being cut, that percentage is coming from the most important areas of high volume old growth and (surprise) they aren't taking any timber from the glaciers, scrublands or mountain tops (although they are sure trying with the helicopter logging on Trap Mountain!) or even the low volume old growth. Aids like these and pictures of unlogged forest contrasted with photos of logging practices, and alternative uses of the forest are invaluable for explaining our points to legislative offices and others in D.C. Your contributions help make this possible.

In addition CCC filed for tax exempt status and we have just received notice that we are a tax exempt organization. Your contributions are tax deductible!

Besides financial support our membership list will give us a base to draw on in the immediate future for important letter writing, telephone and fax campaigns. Writing letters to the Alaskan Congressional Delegation, to friendly Senators and Representatives and to key committee members, as well as to the Alaska Governor and Representatives will be so important in the near future. Letters from out of state members and friends to their Congressional Delegation will also be very important, maybe even more important. Letters from across the country may be what keeps Kadashan and Trap Bay growing and protects the Tongass from another timber cutting contract. I cannot stress enough how important letters are. I sure know what a pain it is to write them sometimes, but they can make an enormous difference.

If you haven't renewed your membership I hope that you will consider doing so. If you are a potential new member, we hope that you will join us. And please encourage someone you know who cares about the Tenakee area Tongass to join the Chichagof Conservation Council.

Please give us your comments. Let us know what areas and issues are important to you and where do you feel that we should be directing our energy?

Dues are: Individual \$5.00/year Family \$10.00/year
Any amount is welcome. Remember, ACF will match up to \$25.00 for each new member.

Thank you! May the Forest be with you!

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NAME _____ New _____ Renewal _____

Address _____

Phone _____ fax _____

Amount enclosed _____

Comments _____

Are you a Southeast Alaska Conservation Council Member? _____

If not are you interested in information on that organization?

Yes _____ No _____

Would you be willing to be Put on SEACC's Action Alert list so
that you will be notified of important Tongass developments and
key letter writing opportunities? Yes _____ No _____

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