

Chichagof Conservation Council

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Summer 2004 Membership Information

What is the Chichagof Conservation Council? CCC is a non-profit organization of people who are concerned about the future of Tenakee Inlet and the rest of Chichagof Island. Through public involvement in federal management of the Tongass National Forest, we hope to help shape sustainable management that protects all resource values for the long term.

CCC is the voice of local people who live and work in the Tongass, and who depend on the full spectrum of forest resources.

What has CCC accomplished? Even before CCC incorporated as a non-profit organization, many CCC members were actively involved in resisting USFS clearcutting and road construction plans that threatened our home. Led by Diane McCarty, Tenakee Springs blocked road construction and clearcutting of the Kadashan watershed in 1985. That victory opened the door to other legal challenges to USFS policy.

CCC members' letters, testimony and volunteer work in Washington DC supported the Tongass Timber Reform Act of 1990, which provided permanent protection of Kadashan and Trap Bay and protection from road connections to Tenakee.

CCC remains a constant, consistent proponent of rational Tongass management. Members testify at Congressional hearings, participate in all phases of the USFS planning process,



CCC member Krista Kissner and giant Sitka spruce

host congressional fact-finding delegations, and provide information to media representatives.

Current Tongass issues include the proposed Finger Mountain Timber Sale which would affect Crab Bay, In-between and Little Seal Bay, and the impending Record of Decision on the Outfitter/Guide EIS.

Although primarily concerned with Tongass management, CCC also participates in state land and transportation planning. CCC sponsors projects in the community of Tenakee, such as a grant that provided energy efficient appliances for residents and removing a toxic pile of discarded batteries at the harbor.

Does CCC get involved in Tenakee local politics? No. CCC bylaws specifically focus the organization on larger issues of resource conservation, particularly the management of the Tongass National Forest. As a registered 501c-3 non-profit organization, CCC is prohibited from attempting to influence the election of city, state, or federal officials.

How is CCC organized? CCC has a board of directors with these officers:

President- John Wisenbaugh
Vice-president- Joan McBeen
Secretary/Treasurer-Molly Kemp
Board- Tuck Harry
Board- Sam McBeen

What is CCC's relationship with the Southeast Alaska Conservation Council? CCC is an independent group and a member of SEACC, which is the regional grassroots conservation coalition. As a member group, CCC gets a seat on the SEACC board of directors and an opportunity to influence SEACC policy and decisions. Steve Lewis is CCC's current representative to SEACC. In addition, Joan McBeen holds an "at-large" seat on the SEACC board.

Joining CCC does **not** automatically give you membership in SEACC. If you would like to receive SEACC membership information, check the appropriate space on your membership form.

Why join CCC? If you have flown or ferried from Juneau to Tenakee and seen

the extent of clearcutting in Cube Cove, Freshwater Bay, or near Hoonah - you have a pretty good idea of what Tenakee Inlet would look like without the sustained effort of local individuals and organizations like CCC.

If you hunt, fish, or hope your children will be able to enjoy Tenakee Inlet the way you do - you have a stake in Tongass management.

If you believe that our subsistence economy is a valid alternative worth defending - remember that having venison and fish on your table in years to come depends on paying attention to forest issues now.

What can I do? Simply adding your name to CCC's membership means a lot. CCC will try to keep you informed when letters and phone calls are needed.

It has never been more important to show your support for sustainable, rational Tongass management.

It's time! Your support of the Chichagof Conservation Council makes a difference.

2004 CCC Membership

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ ZIP _____

Telephone _____ E-mail _____

Annual dues: \$5 individual or \$10 household

Would you like to receive membership information from SEACC (the Southeast Alaska Conservation Council)? yes _____ no _____

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