



# Chichagof Conservation Council

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Dear members and friends,

You may have noticed that in the past year the Chichagof Conservation Council has been low-key to the point of near-invisibility. This does not disturb me, as CCC activity has always ebbed and flowed according to need. CCC would not have endured since the 1980's without that flexibility.

Last spring I decided to devote available time to picking up marine debris instead of producing the usual CCC newsletter. Time is short this spring as well, and I'm opting for this actual letter instead of a newsletter.

Thanks to your support CCC has a modest but adequate operating fund in reserve. I maintain the paperwork required to keep CCC's 501c-3 non-profit status. The Pegues Legacy Fund is intact and growing. With this structure in place CCC is ready to respond to the next threat to Tenakee Inlet's irreplaceable intact watersheds, AND the next opportunity to protect those areas.

CCC priorities remain:

1. Maintain the protection guaranteed to Kadashan and Trap Bay by the Tongass Timber Reform Act of 1990.
2. Gain similar protected status for the fish-rich watersheds of Upper Tenakee Inlet - Seal Bay, Long Bay, Goose Flats, Tenakee Head, and Saltery Bay.

The CCC email network's immediate and forceful responses to issues like the "Pegmatite" boondoggle have been amazingly effective.

The "Pegmatite" project proposal for the head of Tenakee Inlet is still out there, but we have not heard anything about it recently. Representative Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins is particularly aware of this issue, and has promised to let us know if requests for more state funds turn up in the legislature.

We have not been able to get any recent information about the Sealaska land bill. At last report the "Pegmatite" site has been removed from Senator Lisa Murkowski's bill, but is still on Representative Don Young's version.

Trout Unlimited's "Tongass 77" salmon habitat protection proposal almost exactly matches CCC's longstanding goal of gaining permanent protection for Upper Tenakee Inlet. Both CCC and the City of Tenakee have expressed support and urged the addition of the head of Tenakee Inlet to the Trout Unlimited list.

CCC's stream temperature monitoring project continues, and our data has been accepted by Dr. Eran Hood's regional stream temperature database project (UAS).

Thank you again for all your support. Your membership will continue without annual fee this year. Of course, all donations are deeply appreciated and will be utilized with utmost frugality.

Sincerely,  
Molly Kemp  
Secretary /Treasurer