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E-waste Recycling Project

Last summer CCC members collected electronic waste, old computers, monitors, TVs, refrigerators and other items and shipped them all to Seattle for responsible recycling. On June 23, 24, and 25th volunteers went through town and picked up recyclable e-waste, which was then hauled to the store and palletized. The electronics were shrink wrapped and the freezers and refrigerators were banded to pallets. We shipped out four pallets of electronics weighing 2400 lbs and seven pallets (3160 lbs) of refrigerators and freezers including two chest freezers stuffed with small electronics and dry cell batteries. We also shipped one 1300 lb pallet of lead-acid batteries.

Shipping costs were somewhat alarming, but between local donations and "Greenstar" grants from the Rasmussen foundation CCC broke even. All in all it was a worthwhile project and it is nice to have that stuff properly recycled. Many thanks to the many people who helped. Special thanks go to Gary Rice who pulled four dead refrigerators and several discarded boat batteries out of the weeds at the harbor and hauled them down town. JCW

2008-2009 Winter Diversions

In December CCC and the Tenakee Historical Society jointly sponsored Elizabeth "Betsy" Kunibe's presentation about Southeast Alaska Native potato culture. The wonderful violinist Steve Tada accompanied Betsy to Tenakee, a splendid bonus!

A film triple-header in February included "Red Gold" (a documentary about the Pebble Mine proposal), an ADF&G video about marine debris and sea lion entanglements, and "2320", a close up look at the proposed Juneau Access road route.

In early April Beth Matthews gave a talk on harbor porpoises, and lined up local observers to conduct systematic surveys. Despite our general impression that harbor porpoises are uncommon in Tenakee, Joanie saw a group within days of starting observations.

Stream Temperature Monitoring Project

CCC's first year of water temperature data was recorded by data loggers, collected from Seal Bay, Long Bay, Lower Goose, and the head of the Inlet, and transferred successfully to digital storage devices last summer. The data logger batteries are good for five years, with annual downloads necessary. We still need to get back to Sitkoh River. If anyone with a large skiff or other appropriate vessel is interested in making a trip to Sitkoh Bay in June, please contact Molly.

Tenakee– Hoonah road connection update

In an informal discussion in late March , DOT planner Jim Petropulis told MK that DOT had made a decision to drop the road connection project and a report to that effect would be available in May. Good news and the result of all the letters and phone calls from CCC supporters, but this issue is far from settled. As long as DOT believes that Don Young's SAFETEA –LU sneak attack supersedes Tenakee's Tongass Timber Reform Act protection, we'll have to remain vigilant. Last summer Andy Hughes gave his personal assurance that if DOT applies for a construction easement we'll be informed "the very same day". Is that totally reassuring? Not really!

Back in January DOT held another meeting in Hoonah but did not inform Tenakee in time for anyone to attend in person . JCW and MK participated by telephone. About 20 Hoonah residents attended, plus 3 DOT officials and the USFS Hoonah District Ranger 12 people testified in favor of the road connection, 2 against. Al Hill (spokesman for proposed new "Landless" Native corporations and chair of proposed Tenakee corporation) spoke first and quite aggressively in favor of the road connection as part of their long term plan. He described the would-be corporation's desire to acquire a large amount of USFS land around Tenakee Springs and throughout Tenakee Inlet.

Although DOT again started the discussion in terms of providing minimal access to Indian River timber, that pretense was quickly dropped and the Hoonah support was all about major construction. Several speakers asked for a parking lot and a boat ramp at the Indian River log dump. Andy Hughes acknowledged that there has been discussion of building additional road from the log dump to "just outside" the boat harbor and constructing a parking facility there. . There was much discussion to the effect that once "those people in Tenakee" have road access we'll be happier, healthier and wealthier - it's all for Tenakee's own good!.

Despite the apparent reprieve, having DOT lay all this ground work without precipitating a formal legal challenge to the SAFETEA-LU easement language is really unfortunate. It means when DOT has an infusion of money the project could be dusted off and construction might happen rapidly. We will have to be prepared to act fast, with legal action that challenges the Forest Service authority to grant a construction easement.

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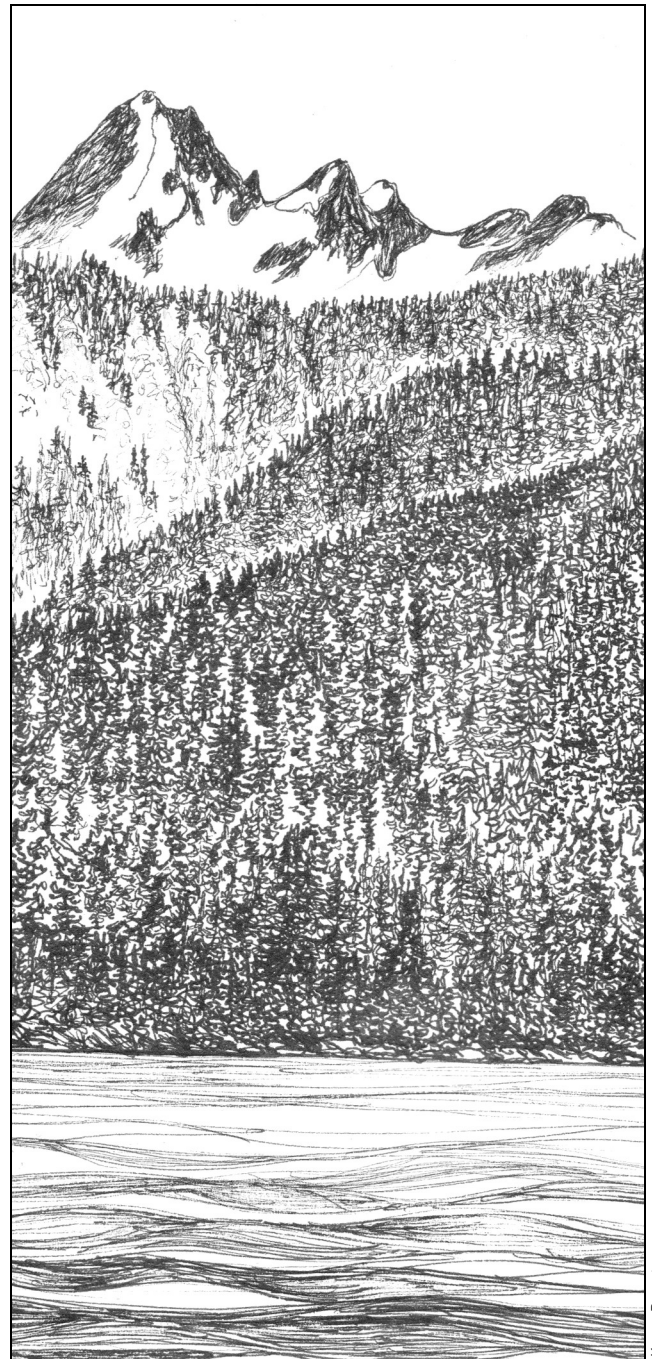
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