



# Chichagof Conservation Council

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## What is the Chichagof Conservation Council ?

Until passage of the Tongass Timber Reform Act in 1990, management of the Tongass National Forest was dictated by 50-year contracts that guaranteed profits to the two voracious pulp mills located in Sitka and Ketchikan. The Chichagof Conservation Council (CCC) grew from the efforts of Tenakee residents to change the direction of Tongass management toward sustainable timber harvest with protection of critical fish and wildlife habitat. Persistent local voices called for permanent protection of **Trap Bay, Kadashan, and the fish-rich watersheds of Upper Tenakee Inlet.**

The House version of the Tongass Timber Reform Act of 1990 included all of those areas, but the eventual compromise legislation dropped Upper Tenakee Inlet. CCC's primary goal remains finishing the job and gaining permanent protected status for **Seal Bay, Long Bay, Goose Flats, the head of Tenakee Inlet, and Saltery Bay**, while guarding the Legislated LUD II status of Kadashan and Trap Bay.

In the decades since the Tongass Timber Reform act the CCC network has resisted many threats to Tenakee Inlet, ranging from Sealaska Corporation's attempts to grab prime timber lands, the State of Alaska's push for a road connection to Hoonah, a legislative attempt to turn over land inside TKE city limits as a revenue source for the University of Alaska, and most recently a proposal to open Tenakee's crab nursery/personal use area to commercial fishing.

Over the years CCC has sponsored numerous other projects including replacing energy-hungry appliances, supplying poop-scoops for the Tenakee trail, funding removal of hazardous waste, monitoring stream temperatures in cooperation with University of Alaska researchers, and maintaining membership in the Alaska Stranding Network under the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

CCC's communication system has evolved and email is now our primary means of communication with members. Costs are low, and for the past couple years CCC has waived membership dues.

## Why consider joining CCC now?

Because I'm scared!

Alaska's congressional delegation is trying to turn back the clock to the "timber first" era, and has introduced legislation that would transfer over 115,000 acres of the Tongass National Forest to five new private, for-profit Native corporations. Corporate selections "with preference to land with commercial purposes" would have no constraints. All the watersheds that Tenakee residents have worked so hard to protect would be vulnerable, and particularly enticing because they still have intact stands of high volume old growth. As is painfully obvious if you look at Sealaska's clearcuts on the west shore of Port Frederick, state regulation of clearcutting on private lands is minimal and poorly enforced.

**If you enjoy free access to Tenakee Inlet's pristine forests for hunting, fishing, and other activities, please add your voice to CCC's opposition to this and other efforts to privatize public lands.**

It's not about raising money. CCC's costs are still low, and CCC has frugally conserved past donations. **What's important is that CCC maintains a large membership of current, well-informed and deeply concerned members.** CCC's membership information and address list is never shared, but the sheer number of CCC members is an important statement.

Please join or re-enlist today, and be sure to include an email address if you want to be kept informed. CCC's 2015 membership form is on the back page .

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Membership dues \$5 individual, \$10 household. Additional contributions are welcome!

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Would you like to be on CCC's e-mail list for *infrequent* announcements and alerts?

yes \_\_\_\_ no\_\_\_\_