

**Tongass Land Management Plan  
Interagency Conservation Strategy Review:  
An Assessment of New Information Since 1997**

Workshop: April 10-14, 2006

**Preliminary Agenda**

**Monday, April 10**

**Registration / Sign-up for social/dinner (Tuesday) and catered lunch (Friday)**

**“SETTING THE STAGE” Sessions**

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| <b>10:00 – 10:20 am</b>    | <b>Welcome &amp; Introductions</b> – Tongass Forest Supervisor |
| <b>10:20 – 11:00 am</b>    | <b>Opening Address</b> – Regional Forester                     |
| <b>11:00 – 11:30 am</b>    | <b>Workshop Agenda Review &amp; Process</b>                    |
| <b>11:30 am – 12:30 pm</b> | <b>Conservation Strategy Overview</b>                          |
| <b>12:30 – 1:30 pm</b>     | <b>Lunch</b>   |

**SPECIFIC CSR TOPIC Sessions**

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| <b>1:30 – 3:30 pm</b> | <b>Conservation Planning New Information</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Focus: Information relevant to the type of pristine system for which the Tongass CS was developed</li></ul>  |
| <b>3:30 – 4:00 pm</b> | <b>Break</b>  |
| <b>4:00 – 5:00 pm</b> | <b>Forest Plan Implementation to Date</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Timber Harvest &amp; Roads<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Types of harvest systems and results of implementing retention S&amp;G. What does this look like on the ground?</li><li>○ Veg/Mod Update</li><li>○ Update on ongoing monitoring and studies of riparian buffers including the class III stream buffer S&amp;Gs.</li></ul></li><li>• Road Management: Open/closed, new roads, and road management</li><li>• Recreation and Tourism: Social relationship to the conservation strategy</li></ul> |

**Tuesday April 11**

- 8:00 – 9:30 am**                      **Forest Plan Implementation to Date (continued)**
- Old Growth Reserve Amendments
    - Implementing Standards & Guidelines (S&Gs)
    - Results to date
    - New interagency mapping effort
- 9:30 – 10:00 am**                      **Break**
- 10:00 am – 12:00 noon**              **American Marten**  
New information relevant to the conservation strategy:
- Study of marten habitat selection and mortality on Chichagof and Mitkof Islands – ADF&G and USFS
  - Study of marten demographics, and diet relationships on Chichagof Island – ADF&G
  - Tongass-wide surveys of marten abundance, diet and food availability
  - Literature review of marten standards and guidelines – USFS
  - Marten age and growth analysis on Chichagof Island using necropsy - USFS
  - Study of marten conservation genetics in Southeast Alaska - UNM
- 12:00 noon – 1:00 pm**                **Lunch**
- 1:00 – 2:00 pm**                      **Northern Goshawk – ESA Listing Status**
- ESA Listing status of the Queen Charlotte’s goshawk
- 2:00 – 5:00 pm**                      **Northern Goshawk – Local New Information**  
New information relevant to the conservation strategy:
- Literature review of goshawk standards and guidelines – USFS
  - Summary of nest occupancy relative to habitat – ADF&G and USFS
  - A test of the success of ground searches for nests/birds using telemetry data – USFS and ADF&G
  - Habitat use and availability study using telemetry data and vegmod – ADF&G and USFS
  - Two analyses of % suitable habitat and land use designations in goshawk post fledgling areas using radio telemetry and GIS – USFS and TetraTech
- 5:30 – 7:30 pm**                      **No-Host Social Hour and Barbeque Dinner**

**Wednesday, April 12**

- 8:00 – 10:00 am**                      **Goshawk and Marten Standards & Guidelines: Implementation Challenges**
- 10:00 – 10:30 am**                      **Break**
- 10:30 am – 12:00 noon**              **Brown Bear**  
New information relevant to the conservation strategy:
- Studies on NE Chichagof Island – ADF&G
    - Estimates of habitat and spatial use of riparian systems and streamside cover using GPS and DNA analyses
    - Amount of salmon in diets of bears that used riparian systems using stable isotope analysis
    - Noninvasive techniques for monitor brown bears
  - Brown bear harvest analyses – ADF&G
    - Vulnerability to hunting on NE Chichagof Island
    - Residency, guide, and nonsport issues
    - Unit 4 brown bear management plan
  - Mapping riparian habitats - Audubon/TNC
- 12:00 – 1:00 pm**                      **Lunch**
- 1:00 – 3:00 pm**                      **Other Mammals – Including Endemics**  
New information relevant to the conservation strategy:
- A study of the demography and ecology of red-backed voles and flying squirrels – USFS and UAS-SE
  - Testing the assumptions for flying squirrel persistence in, and dispersal from, small old growth reserves – USFS and UAS-SE
  - Other details of presentation are still being developed
- 3:00 – 3:30 pm**                      **Break**
- 3:30 – 5:00 pm**                      **Other Forest Nesting Birds**  
New information relevant to the conservation strategy:
- Effects of forested buffer width on breeding bird communities in coastal SE AK – USFWS
  - Avian nest survival in post-logging coastal buffer strips on Prince of Wales Island – HSU
  - Study of species associations in old growth and second growth with and without alder - FSL
  - Species of concern in the coastal rainforest of SE AK.
  - Marbled murrelet – Summary of nesting habitat, population distribution, and abundance in coastal rainforests, survey methods, habitat modeling, and ESA status and issues.

**Thursday, April 13**

**8:00 – 10:00 am**

**Young Growth Management**

- Vegetation responses to varied silvicultural treatments:  
Potential benefits to wildlife
- Tongass-Wide Young Growth Studies

**10:00 – 10:30 am**

**Break**

**10:30 – 11:30 am**

**Alexander Archipelago Wolf**

- Overview of relationship between wolf and the conservation strategy
- New Information

**11:30 am – 1:00 pm**

**Lunch**

**1:00 – 3:00 pm**

**Deer Habitat Management**

- 1997 Model
- Hanley food-based model
- GMU 2 deer planning effort
- Habitat management emphasis/approaches
- Deer DNA pellet project
- Telemetry data

**3:00 – 3:30 pm**

**Break**

**3:30 – 5:00 pm**

**Investing in New Information**

- Things to keep in mind or consider when investing in new information (build on workshop discussion, and use MIS as practical example).

**Friday, April 14**

**INTEGRATION Session**

**8:00 – 9:00 am**

**Integration Staff Group Report**

**9:00 am – 12:00 noon**

**Integration Work Session**

**12:00 noon – 1:00 pm**

**Catered Lunch at meeting site**

**1:00 – 2:30 pm**

**Integration Work Session (continue)**

**2:30 – 3:00 pm**

**Break**

**3:00 – 4:30 pm**

**Closeout**