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In Attendance : Ian Johnson, Jeromy Grant, Sean Williams, Ben Mcluckie, Stephanie Harold, Jacob Pratt, Marlene Duvall, Chris Salazar

Tongass Strategic Cabin Plan.

Marlene Duvall from the Hoonah Forest Service District office presented about the Tongass Strategic Cabin Plan.

They are looking for recommendations on cabin usage, preference, and need. They have an online survey available at their online Facebook Page (GO HERE) .

If you are from Hoonah, providing information and feedback about our 3 cabins (Eight Fathom, Kennel Creek, and Greentop) can help them secure funding for those cabins.

The Hoonah Stewardship Council Provided these recommendations:

1. Need to maintain recreation opportunities along with the cabins. For instance, brushing of the road at eight fathom cabin
2. Shelters should be maintained and are useful for safety and general recreation
3. A maintained recreation site at Whitestone may be more beneficial to Hoonah than a cabin. This could include an established fire area and picnic tables. Modeled after False Bay

Do you want to see more cabins? More recreation Sites? Provide your insight and help by GOING HERE

Resilience Grant

Sean Williams, Americorp VISTA, is beginning to work on a grant that may be tailored to addressing our coastal resources. He was seeking community driven research questions that may be of interested. The grant is from the BIA Tribal Resilience and Coastal Planning grant. As it suggests we are looking for ideas around coastal planning and resiliencey.

He is considering doing an inventory of kelp forests. These are important because:

- Linked to conservation of marine resources
- Our communities are linked to them through herring, salmon, shellfish, otters, and so many other things
- They are understudied in Alaska
- There are links to climate change that may be linked to kelp forests

This grant may help update the City's coastal management plan which expired in 2005

There may be an opportunity to partner with Glacier Bay national Park to look at multiple geographic areas and to create a stronger outreach strategy.

Some thoughts from the Hoonah Stewardship Council:

1. What is Hoonah Vulnerable to? Create research around that
2. Would it be possible to include charter fishing in the grant? There is concern over the pressure it puts on our local fisheries
    a. For instance, concentrated sport fishing may have a bigger impact than commercial fishing
    b. How is charter fishing impacting Hoonah's marine resources?
3. Can we do sampling for metals or water chemistry that may impact kelp forests?