

**CITY OF CRAIG  
RESOLUTION NO. 21-08**

**SUPPORTING LOGGING AND PROCESSING OF  
TONGASS YOUNG GROWTH TIMBER**

WHEREAS, Prince of Wales Island has been the site of an active forest products industry for decades; and,

WHEREAS, the industry worked from timber harvested from both public and private lands; and,

WHEREAS, most timber harvested from national forest lands was subsequently processed domestically, including on Prince of Wales Island; and,

WHEREAS, the Tongass National Forest is estimated to contain 420,000 acres of young growth timber; and,

WHEREAS, other landowners in Southeast Alaska are estimated to hold an additional 322,500 acres of young growth; and,

WHEREAS, some young growth logging has already occurred on Prince of Wales Island; and,

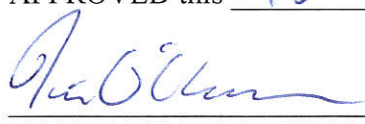
WHEREAS, a timber sale program that includes sustainable harvest from the 420,000 acres of young growth in Southeast Alaska found on national forest lands amounts to an opportunity to sustain a regional timber and sawmilling industry indefinitely; and,

WHEREAS, the Forest Service should adopt a multi-year schedule of young growth timber sales as one component of its timber sale program to provide some measure of certainty of wood supply for the region's forest products industry, and to demonstrate the ability to plan and sell young growth units into the market; and,

WHEREAS, Supporting and opening opportunities to utilize young growth timber stands as one component of the public timber sale program will perpetuate community access to renewable wood fuels as well as the more conventional benefits of full-time jobs and the economic activity those jobs bring

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council for the City of Craig, Alaska calls on the US Forest Service and other regional landowners to work together to achieve a structured, sustainable, and reliable supply of young growth timber to support logging and milling industries in Southeast Alaska.

APPROVED this 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 2021.

  
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MAYOR TIM O'CONNOR

  
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TRACEY JENSEN, CITY CLERK

