Position Description
The Southeast Alaska Conservation Council’s Tongass Forest Program Manager coordinates all of the forest and land-use-related campaign work at SEACC. SEACC seeks to protect the forests and intact lands of Southeast Alaska, with particular emphasis on the Tongass, America’s largest National Forest. The Tongass Forest Program Manager does so by:

- advocating for specific forest management policies, regulations, laws, and enforcement;
- watchdogging forest-specific legislation and planned and existing land exchanges and timber sales;
- working with Southeast communities and forest users to build grassroots capacity for forest and landscape protection, stewardship, advocacy, and engagement.

A successful Tongass Forest Program Manager will be an energetic, outgoing, highly self-motivated, “people person” who enjoys interacting with and meeting new people and engaging them in our work. Confidence stepping into a leadership role while working with volunteers, the grasstops, and the grassroots is critical, and an ideal candidate will have experience relating to forest management – whether through a forest policy-related or science degree, previous work for government agencies or nonprofits, or working directly in the forestry industry. Background in advocacy, lobbying, law and/or policy are highly desirable, as is knowledge of and a strong personal commitment to working in partnership with Indigenous leaders, communities, and people.

The Tongass Forest Program Manager reports to the Executive Director, and works closely with SEACC’s E.D., policy lead, staff scientist, and operations team.

This position requires travel throughout Southeast Alaska approximately 1-2 times per month, and periodic but regular work before and after traditional 9-to-5 workdays and on weekends.

Specific Responsibilities:

- Participate in regional, statewide, and national conservation coalition efforts to protect the Roadless Rule and Tongass Land Management Plan in the State of Alaska, and lead, organize, and engage the public and decision-makers to that end;
- Work with SEACC’s grassroots attorney and policy lead to address ongoing timber sales and advocate for beneficial and against detrimental public-land-related legislation;
- Develop and execute a public engagement strategy that educates and engages decision-makers and the public on the issues around export of old-growth in the round;
- Advocate for land protections at the local, state, and federal level by giving presentations,
lobbying, and meeting with government officials;
- Work with the Executive Director to continue to improve and grow SEACC’s efforts around Indigenous Engagement and Outreach;
- Have the opportunity to manage consultants and future field staff;
- Work with the Executive Director to complete, manage and periodically refine SEACC’s Tongass Forest Program Strategy.

**Required Qualifications:**
- At least 2 years of professional experience or study in forest conservation, forest science, forest-related advocacy, forestry, or biology. An advanced degree is specifically not required for this position in order to solicit a wider range of potential candidates, but relevant work or academic experience is required. This could include work for Indigenous organizations engaging in forestry or forest conservation, for the Forest Service, in the forestry industry, or more traditional educational or professional background such as work in conservation, the biological sciences, law or policy;
- Strong written and oral communication skills;
- Background in, or exposure to and comfort with environmental policy or advocacy work (lobbying);
- Interest in and desire to work with a wide variety of people throughout Southeast Alaska. SEACC’s work takes us to communities throughout Southeast Alaska, so a genuine interest in the people and places of Southeast Alaska, and an ability to sustain a high level of energy and engagement over community visits lasting several days is required;
- Comfort outdoors and in communities – SEACC staff travel in small planes, skiffs, larger boats, and by foot, in addition to traveling by commercial planes. The Program Manager will visit small mill sites, old-growth stands, and remote communities while in the field, largely staying in SEACC supporters’ homes when we travel. Flexibility, adaptability, and good houseguest etiquette are key requirements for this role.

**Desired Qualifications:**
- Three or more years of professional experience or study in a land use-, forest- or conservation-related field;
- Experience managing program or project work including setting and meeting deadlines;
- Experience working with and delivering on organizational strategic plans;
- Experience managing and engaging outreach staff, field staff, or volunteers;
- Background, comfort, or interest in learning to do media interviews;
- Familiarity with and comfort using social media.

SEACC recognizes, supports, and values all forms of diversity and inclusion in the workplace.

**To Apply:** Applications are due **October 10th**; submissions will be reviewed on a rolling (weekly) basis thereafter. Please submit your resume, cover letter, three professional references and a writing sample 3-5 pages in length on a topic related to forest conservation to thomasina@seacc.org.