Bequests are an especially meaningful way to help SEACC protect Southeast Alaska’s wildlands for generations to come. Gifts to SEACC can be made through your Last Will and Testament or Revocable Living Trust.

You can specify a dollar amount, specific assets, or specify a percentage of your estate. You may also want to name SEACC the contingent beneficiary of a bequest intended for a loved one, in the event that he or she does not survive you.

To make a bequest, consult with your legal advisor and insert a phrase such as the following into your will or added as an amendment, which includes SEACC’s legal designation; SEACC’s tax ID number is 92-0062992.

**Bequest Language**

**Bequest of a Specified Amount or Property**

I give and bequeath to the Southeast Alaska Conservation Council, a qualified 501(c)3 nonprofit corporation with the business address of 224 Gold St, Juneau, Alaska 99801, the sum of $____ (or the proceeds from the sale of specific property) to be used as the SEACC board of directors determines.

**Bequest of a Percentage**

I give and bequeath ____ % of the total value of my estate to the Southeast Alaska Conservation Council, a qualified 501(c)3 nonprofit corporation with the business address of 224 Gold St, Juneau, Alaska 99801 to be used as the board of directors determines.

**Contingent Bequest**

Should (name of heir) predecease me, the portion of my estate going to (name of heir) I give and bequeath to the Southeast Alaska Conservation Council, a qualified 501(c)3 nonprofit corporation with the business address of 224 Gold St, Juneau, Alaska 99801 to be used as the board of directors determines.

**Gift for a Specific Purpose**

I give and bequeath to the Southeast Alaska Conservation Council, a qualified 501(c)3 nonprofit corporation with the business address of 224 Gold St, Juneau, Alaska 99801 the sum of $____ to be used for __________________. If the intended purpose of this gift is no longer an active issue, SEACC’s Board of Directors will have the discretion to designate the gift in a manner which they best feel meets my intention and the needs of SEACC.

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Please let SEACC know of your plans so we can acknowledge your commitment and help ensure that your wishes are carried out by calling (907) 586-6942 or emailing info@seacc.org.

With your help, SEACC can be here tomorrow to safeguard the places that you enjoy today.

“If you are willing to listen, the Tongass will speak to you... no. Not just to you, it will speak to your soul. This globally significant, biologically diverse, largest remaining temperate rainforest on Earth needs your help. Please consider a Legacy Gift to SEACC to help further our mission. I did. And it feels good!”

Mike McKimens
Over our nearly 50-year history, Southeast Alaskans like you have formed the backbone of SEACC by contributing time, money, and energy. In 2015, an anonymous donor purchased office space for the organization in downtown Juneau, decreasing our overhead and helping ensure that we’re here to stay.

The SEACC board recognizes that this region will always need our protection, and has designed policies to allow different types of donations and planned gifts to help sustain our operations. SEACC has already received over half a million dollars in planned gifts from supporters like you. Some gifts have been utilized immediately to defend against pressing threats to our forest and waters; others have helped ensure the long-term financial health of the organization. There are a variety of ways you can make a one time or annual planned gift to SEACC, many of which have tax advantages for you and your family.

**RETIREMENT OR PENSION PLAN**

Naming SEACC as a beneficiary of your retirement plan assets can have significant tax advantages. Designating SEACC as a beneficiary of your IRA, SEP-IRA, 401(k), annuities or other qualified pension plan is as easy as completing and submitting your beneficiary designation form.

If you wish to leave a planned gift to SEACC, your legal, financial, or tax advisor may be able to explain how funding that gift with interests in retirement plans will be more efficient for your family.

If you are over age 70¹/₂, a new law allows you to direct the annual Required Minimum Distribution from your IRA directly to a charity. Like donations of stock, RMD distributions must be sent directly to SEACC from the retirement account in order to be eligible for potential tax benefits.

**STOCKS**

Transferring stocks directly to SEACC can also have tax benefits. The DTC number for SEACC’s account with Charles Schwab is #1064, code 40. Please contact the SEACC office directly to let us know if you are transferring stocks.

**GIFTS OF LIFE INSURANCE**

You can make a future gift by naming SEACC as a primary or contingent beneficiary of an existing or new life insurance policy. You retain lifetime ownership of the policy, and at the time of death, the remainder goes to SEACC.
The Southeast Alaska Conservation Council is your regional voice for Southeast Alaska’s wild lands and clean water. Since 1970, SEACC has worked to protect the fish and wildlife habitat that forms the foundation of our vibrant rainforest ecosystem and unique way of life in Southeast Alaska.

SEACC has a proven record of accomplishment. Our expertise and solid presence has lead to the protection of millions of acres of fish and wildlife habitat. We have weathered the ebb and flow of many political tides, winning great victories for the Tongass in good times, and shoring up our defenses in dark times.

Through it all, some things have not changed. The Tongass National Forest—our planet’s largest temperate rainforest—is still an immense, wild rainforest abounding with wild salmon and bears, ancient trees, and world-class vistas.

SEACC continues to depend on financial contributions from people like you to conserve the wild places we love for our children and grandchildren. To help ensure a stable, secure future for the Tongass, we encourage friends like you to consider naming SEACC as a beneficiary in your will, trust, retirement plan, or life insurance policy. You can also make annual gifts by transferring stocks or Required Minimum Distributions from your retirement account. By making a planned gift to SEACC, you can turn your deep commitment to Southeast Alaska’s wild lands into a lasting contribution toward protection of these special places.