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- 0463-024 More thoroughly identify and protect sea bird colonies waterfowl and migratory bird staging areas, harbor seal pupping beaches, harbor seal, sea otter and sea lion haul out areas, or killer whale rubbing beaches. The Forest Service should work with the recreation and tourism groups as well as the general public to develop guidelines and/or regulations for wildlife viewing and low-impact use of areas likely to be used by wildlife as listed above.
- 0467-010 Management of log transfer facilities should be addressed, including monitoring and underwater site investigations (documenting the zone of deposition) and restoration of benthic areas and landing sites. The Plan should discuss direct, indirect, secondary and cumulative impacts of bark, shading, storage of logs, and other solid waste materials on aquatic resources and commercial and subsistence valued resources and identify actions to prevent and mitigate for these impacts. Mitigation plans should be encouraged forest-wide that address clean-up measures and timeframes for restoration actions to be accomplished for such effects as bark accumulation, mooring of logs, non-point surface drainage (i.e., bark leachate), erosion and sedimentation, improper disposal of solid waste materials (i.e., pipes, cables, oil drums, plastics), and chronic petroleum product spills.
- 0467-019 Aquatic vegetation (sea grasses) occurring within the intertidal and subtidal zones of estuaries are important to a variety of aquatic species. The Plan should identify areas supporting significant sea grass resources and describe what measures will be taken to protect these areas.
- 0487-007 8) A plan for collaboration with other agencies, both State of Alaska and national, to create non-motorized marine park areas and sanctuaries.
- 0820-047 Marine waters: Providing quiet water areas in the Sound is not an easy, but also should not be an impossible, task. Many established motorized interests, including commercial fishers, need to be accommodated, but it still should be possible, in an area as large as Prince William Sound, to designate some, perhaps relatively small, bays or coves as quiet areas, or to make some concession to quiet users. We urge the Forest Service to work with the appropriate agency or agencies to provide such areas. S
- 0831-001 Protect Prince William Sound!!!!