



## SWPS Certified by the Forest Stewardship Council

**Yuba City, CA-** Sealaska Wood Products Solutions (SWPS) and its outdoor furniture division Sealaska Natural Living (SNL) are conducting operations that meet vigorous standards put forth by the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) and have received Chain of Custody certification from the organization. FSC was established to change the dialogue and the practice of sustainable forestry worldwide.

The certification showcases that the wood used to create SWPS and SNL's wood products are derived from sustainably managed forests, primarily in South America and South Africa. "At SWPS and SNL we are proud to put the Chain of Custody label on our products," said Nicole Tillotson, Sealaska Natural Living program leader. "We have partnered with suppliers who have excellent reputations for their land stewardship and environmental practices in South America, Southeast Asia and South Africa."

"There's a growing international demand for certified wood products in the markets we operate within," said SWPS Managing Director Jim Haas. "Our expertise in international marketing of timber products and logistics, combined with the exceptional quality and variety of our FSC certified products is an exciting opportunity."

Sealaska is the parent company for SWPS and SNL. For the past 30 years Sealaska has been committed to the best practices and innovative approaches to responsibly manage the company's land base in Southeast Alaska. Sealaska lands are managed for the benefit of current and future shareholders, surrounding communities as well as the environment. Its significant forest management programs ensure the value and health of young forests.

"Sealaska is in the process of determining whether or not having its land base in Southeast Alaska certified by the FSC makes strategic sense for the corporation," said Sealaska President and CEO Chris E. McNeil, Jr. "Our Native values are the foundation of our land stewardship strategies. Many of these values align with the FSC and we are working closely with the organization to establish standards for Southeast Alaska."

### **About Sealaska Wood Products Solutions**

Headquartered in Yuba City California, SWPS specializes in the manufacture, design and marketing of a full range of certified sustainable wood products for use outdoors and indoors. Created from an extensive variety of high value softwoods and hardwoods, SWPS's products originate from dedicated production in Brazil, Vietnam, Indonesia, China and South Africa.

Just as conservation and sustainability are embedded in the rich culture and heritage of Sealaska's shareholders, the same principals guide SWPS as it pursues environmentally responsible business opportunities around the world.

### **About Sealaska Corporation**

Sealaska is the Southeast Alaska Native Corporation formed under federal law in 1971 with diverse businesses worldwide. The Corporation is owned by approximately 20,000 tribal member shareholders of Tlingit, Haida and Tsimshian descent and is dedicated to weaving successful businesses with culture for the benefit of shareholders, communities and the environment.

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