§ 539e. Reports

(a) Timber supply and demand in southeastern Alaska

The Secretary is directed to monitor timber supply and demand in southeastern Alaska and report annually thereon to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate and the Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Representatives.

(b) Status of Tongass National Forest in southeastern Alaska; contents

Within five years from December 2, 1980, and every two years thereafter the Secretary shall review and report to Congress on the status of the Tongass National Forest in southeastern Alaska. This report shall include, but not be limited to,

(1) the timber harvest levels in the forest since December 2, 1980;
(2) the impact of wilderness designation on the timber, fishing, and tourism industry in southeast Alaska;
(3) measures instituted by the Forest Service to protect fish and wildlife in the forest;
(4) the status of the small business set aside program in the Tongass Forest,\(^1\) and
(5) the impact of timber management on subsistence resources, wildlife, and fisheries habitats.

(c) Cooperation and consultation

The study required by this section shall be conducted in cooperation and consultation with the State, affected Native Corporations, the southeast Alaska timber industry, the Southeast Alaska Conservation Council, the southeast Alaska commercial fishing industry, and the Alaska Land Use Council.\(^2\)

Footnotes
\(^1\) So in original. The comma probably should be a semicolon.
\(^2\) So in original.


Amendments
1994—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 103–437 substituted “Natural Resources” for “Interior and Insular Affairs” after “Committee on”.

1990—Subsec. (a), Pub. L. 101–626, § 104(a), struck out at end “If, at any time after December 2, 1980, the Secretary finds that the available land base in the Tongass National Forest is inadequate to maintain the timber supply from the Tongass National Forest to dependent industry at the rate of four billion five hundred million foot board measure per decade, he shall include such information in his report.”

Subsec. (b), Pub. L. 101–626, § 104(a), added cl. (5).

Subsec. (c), Pub. L. 101–626, § 104(b), substituted “the southeast Alaska commercial fishing industry, and the Alaska Land Use Council.” for “and the Alaska Land Use Council”.

Termination of Reporting Requirements
For termination, effective May 15, 2000, of provisions in subsec. (b) of this section relating to reporting to Congress, every two years, on the status of the Tongass National Forest, see section 3003 of Pub. L. 104–66, as amended, set out as a note under section 1113 of Title 31, Money and Finance, and page 48 of House Document No. 103–7.
Study Regarding Feasibility of Acquiring Previously Harvested Private Lands in Tongass National Forest

Section 501 of Pub. L. 101–626 directed the Secretary, no later than one year after Nov. 28, 1990, to complete a study regarding feasibility of acquiring private lands located within boundary of the Tongass National Forest, which have been significantly harvested and to transmit the study to specific committees of Congress.