

Timber Industry Update 11/16/11



State timber sale area near Fairbanks



Sealaska logging young- growth on Dall Island



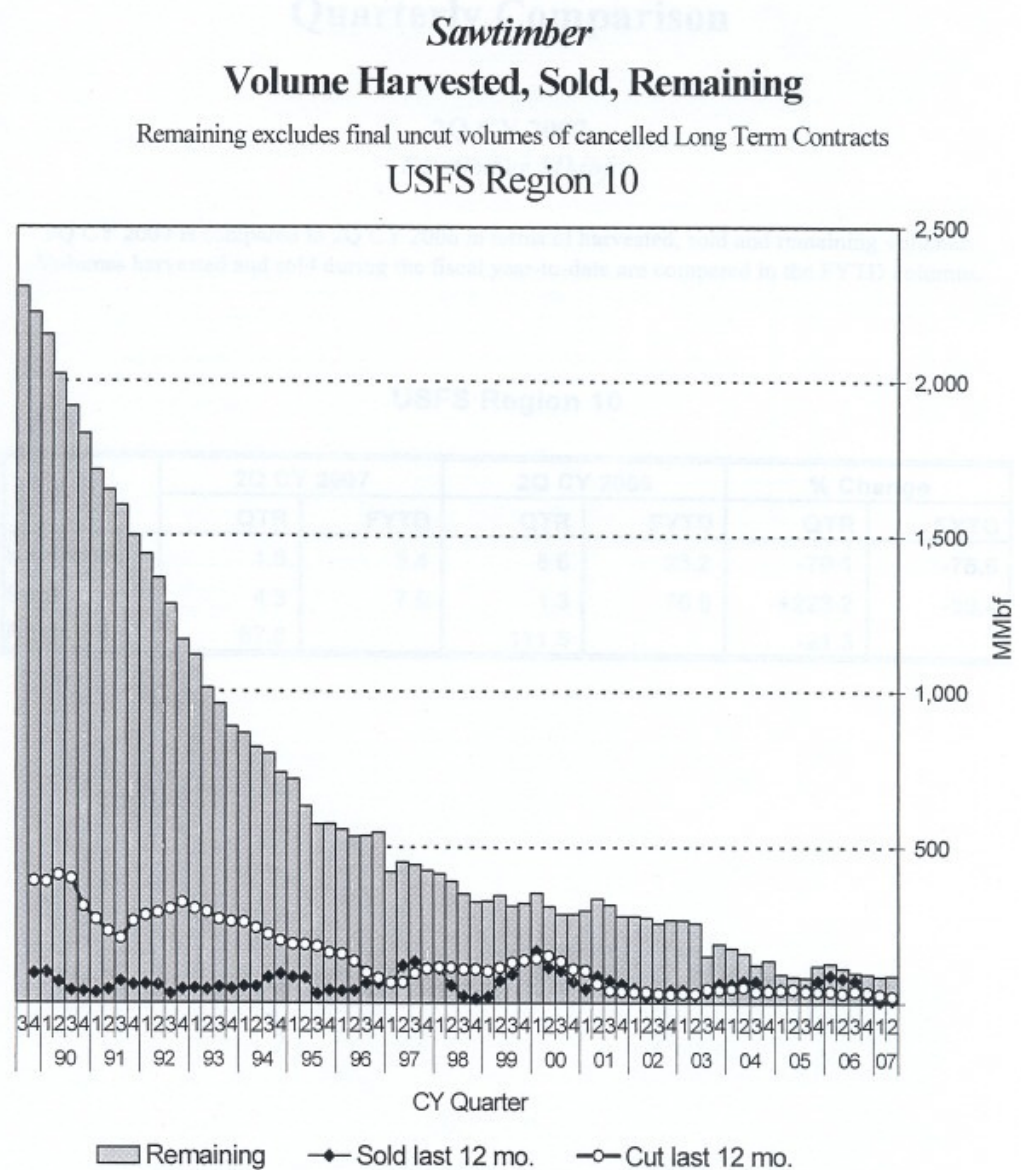
Alcan Forest Products Selective Logging near Ketchikan



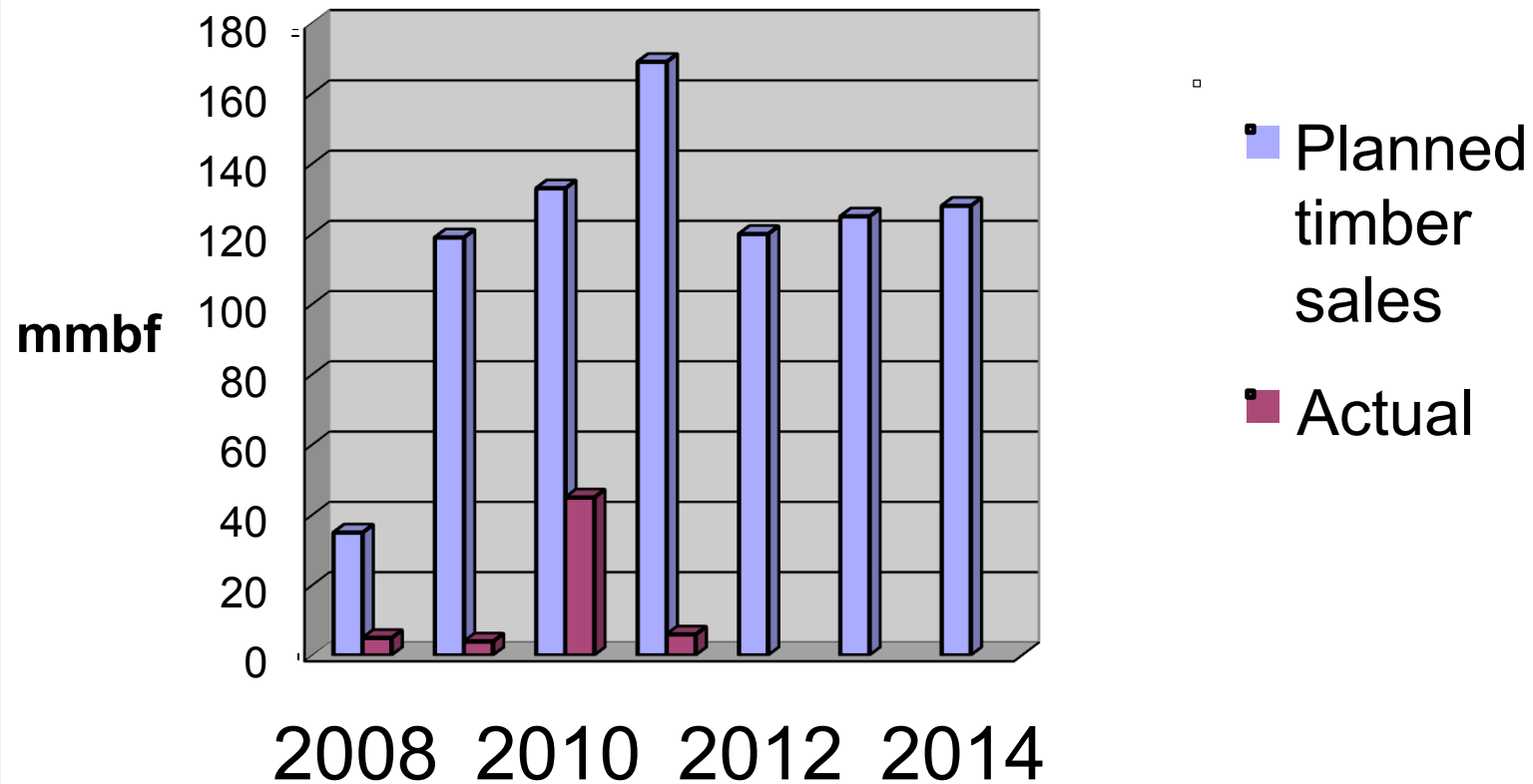


Where did the loggers go?

- After 1990, the Forest Service reduced the amount of timber sales available.
- As the industry harvested more timber than was sold, the volume of timber-under-contract declined.
- There were some timber sales that were terminated, but most of the decline came from harvesting at a greater rate than the timber was sold.



2007 Tongass Timber Sale Plan



A photograph of a steep, moss-covered forest slope. Tall, slender trees stand vertically, their trunks partially covered in moss. Sunlight filters through the dense canopy, creating bright, dappled light on the mossy ground and tree trunks. The slope is steep and covered in a thick layer of green moss and fallen branches.

It costs more than double to
harvest timber on steep, high-
elevation slopes.



Recommendations for Tongass National Forest Management

Immediate steps can be taken by the Forest Service to initiate a transition to sustainable Tongass National Forest management. Based on our experience in the region, we recommend a number of institutional capacity needs and directives that, along with the broader components we have proposed, can initiate a transition in the next 6-12 months.

- Restoration
 - Direct Forest Service to work on stewardship, restoration and young-growth
 - Require stewardship training for Alaska Forest Service
 - Request Forest Service work with partners (The Wilderness Society?) to develop priorities.

- Transition
 - Stop traditional timber sales and redirect funding to young-growth sales.
 - Plan sales for existing industry for next 3-5 years only.

Harris River salmon returns have more than doubled in the last 50-years, so why does the stream need restoration?



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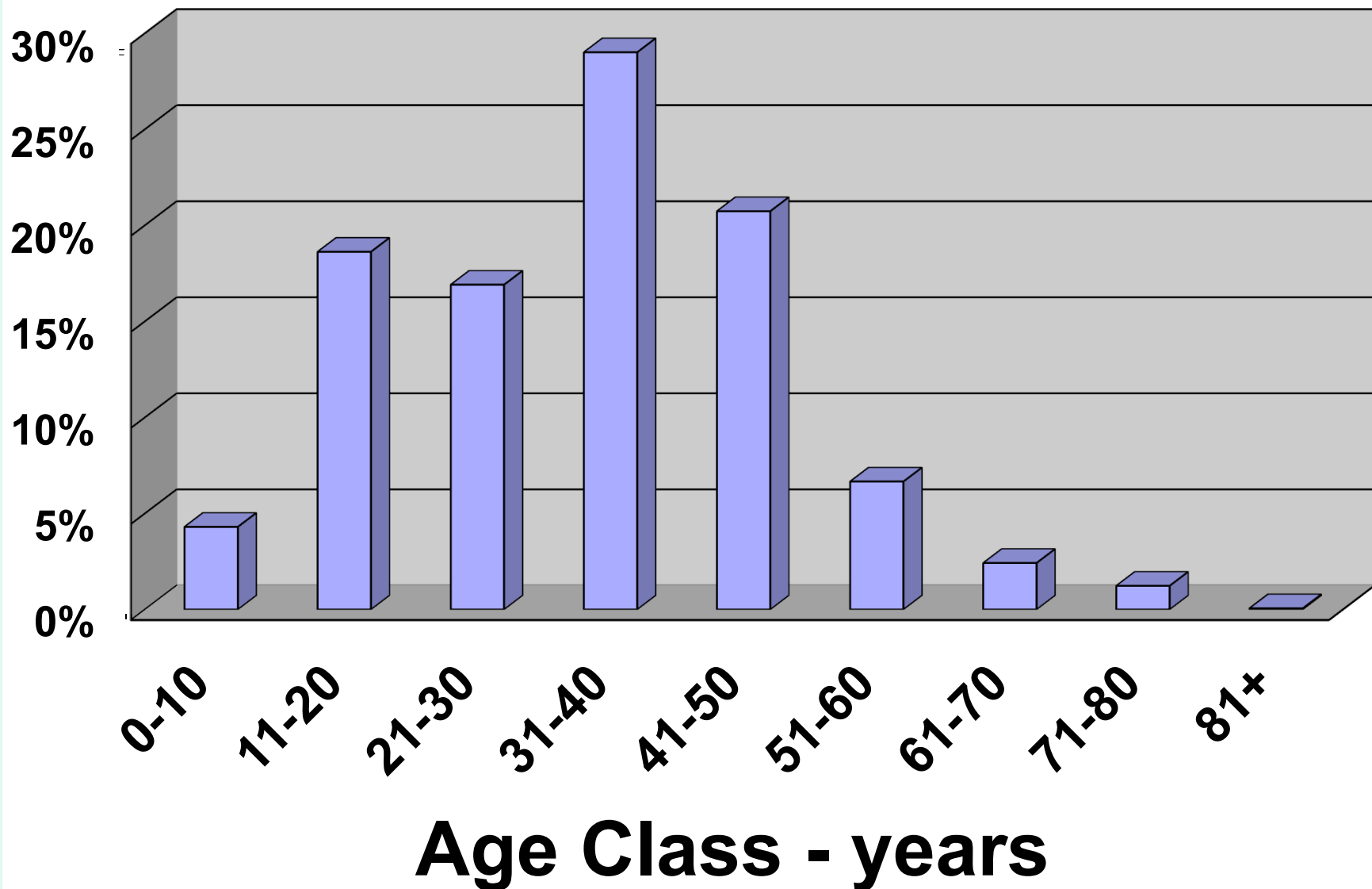
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Deer are not old-growth dependant

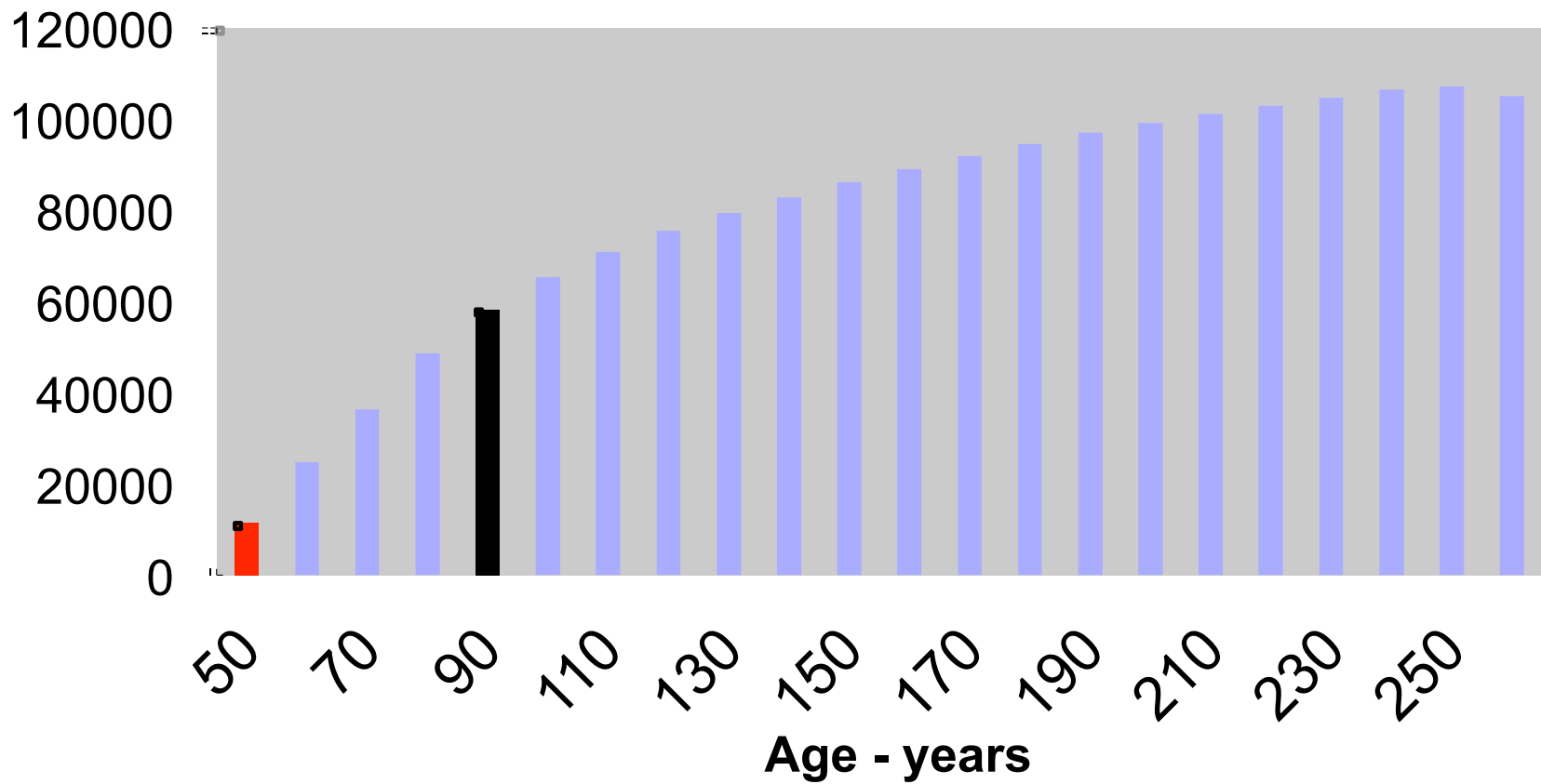




Total Tongass Young-growth



Timber volume per acre by age class



The Timber industry can be restored quickly if we have an adequate timber supply.

In 1954, it took only 5 years to ramp-up to the level we are seeking

