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DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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DIVISION OF FORESTRY

March 31, 1994

The Honorable Mike Miller
Chairman, Senate Resources Committee
Alaska Senate
Room 403, State Capitol
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear Senator Miller:

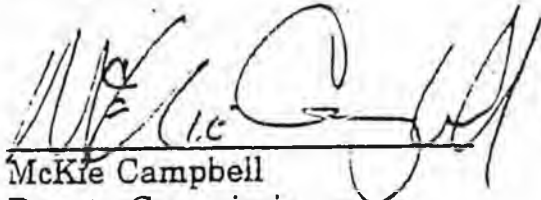
Representatives from the Governor's Office, the Department of Fish and Game, the Department of Commerce and Economic Development and the Department of Natural Resources have thoroughly reviewed Senate Bill 310 and the committee substitute for that bill. While there were a number of acute concerns identified when reviewing the original bill, the committee substitute answers those concerns and, in some instances, does a better job of answering those concerns than did the draft language offered to you after the review of the original bill.

We want to thank the Senate Resources Committee for its hearings on this resource issue. The process which resulted in the committee substitute was a useful one and the resulting committee substitute meets the objectives and concerns of the departments represented here.

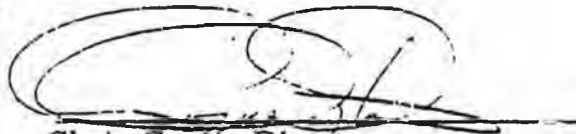
Forest management agreements require adequate public involvement as a part of the process. Good public process involves the public at the very beginning and gives assurance that the public will affect the outcomes. Our belief is that the committee substitute for Senate Bill 310 does that. The two distinct public comment periods, together comprising not less than 120 days, are necessary for a process that could result in a contract that might last as long as 20 years. Separate from requirements for forest management agreements, we believe that the cap on the amount of timber that can be offered without having been in the 5 year harvest schedule, as provided in section 2 of the committee substitute, is important.

The Alaska Forest Resources and Practices Act and other state law apply to any state timber sale, with the tighter restrictions for state land than for other types of ownerships, including a timber sale using a forest management agreement. However, enforcement requires maintenance of adequate funding. Finally, using the AS38.04.910 definition of sustained yield for forest management agreements is proper.

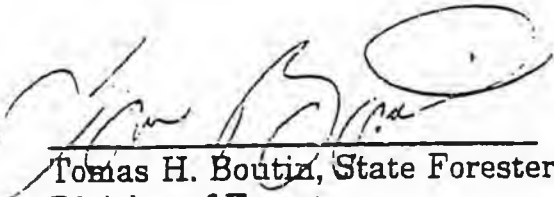
Sincerely,



McKie Campbell
Deputy Commissioner
Department of Fish and Game



Chris Gates, Director
Division of Economic Development
Department of Commerce and
Economic Development



Thomas H. Boutin, State Forester
Division of Forestry
Department of Natural Resources

2. Because of the large scale and rapidity at which timber will be cut, and the fact that the FMA structure will make it more difficult to get meaningful fish and wildlife protection built into the sale agreements, more biologists will be required to review operating plans, negotiate ground rules, and to monitor operations in the field. Based on the Canadian experience, at least one staff biologist should be assigned full-time to monitor each FMA exceeding 500,000 acres (780 square miles).
3. The number of U.S. Forest Service (USFS) biologists working on a long-term, large-scale contract, such as the L&P Tongass contract, would probably be a good indicator of the amount of biological work required for a similar state FMA. As many as 23 USFS biologists may work on layout and monitoring operations on long-term timber contracts in the Sitka Ranger District alone.
4. Experience with Canadian FMAs indicates that one of the major problems is that government does not monitor FMA operations closely enough and is so slow in detecting violations that they often become large problems. Once problems have been identified, they have been slow in enforcing the terms of the agreement or environmental regulations. The State of Alaska needs to avoid this problem by having staff biologists monitoring operations in the field.
5. Based on information that at least two and possibly more major timber companies have been interested in the feasibility of constructing large mills in southcentral and interior Alaska to utilize cheap Alaskan timber it is assumed that they would move quickly to submit FMA proposals. Given the current interest in using state timber to stimulate local businesses and support by the Alaska Division of Forestry, it is estimated that there could be as many as three agreements in place by 1998.
6. A single oriented-strand-board (OSB) manufacturing plant requires up to 20 million board feet (bf) of timber per year to operate. Fibreform Wood Products, Inc. 1992 corporate proposal requested up to 115 million bf annually of mixed species (equal to the total estimated volume from the Tanana Valley State Forest). [Source: Dave Wallingford (DOF) memo to Bob Dick dated July 7, 1992.]
7. Merchantable quantities of mixed species timber volumes in interior Alaska's boreal forest range between 1,200 cubic feet (4,800 bf) to 2,500 cubic feet (10,000 bf) per acre. Timber volumes in the Dawson Creek, B.C. area average 1,200 cubic feet (4,800 bf) per acre. Maximum volumes in southcentral Alaska are 3,000 cubic feet (12,000 bf); average volumes range between 2,000 cubic feet (8,000 bf) to 2,500 cubic feet (10,000 bf) per acre. [Source: Cai Kerr (American North) letter to Dave Wallingford dated July 27, 1992].
8. To support a single oriented-strand-board manufacturing plant, up to 4,167 acres (or 6.5 square miles) of interior Alaska's boreal forest would have to be harvested annually. Using only the highest yield forests, up to 2,000 acres (3.1 square miles) would have to be harvested annually.

9. To support the Fibreform proposal, up to 23,958 acres (or 37.4 square miles) of interior Alaska' boreal forest would have to be harvested annually. Using only the highest yield foerests, up to 11,500 acres (18 square miles) must be harvested annually.
10. Once south-slope hillsides have been harvested, most remaining merchantable timber within interior Alaska's boreal forest is located within riparian corridors less than 500 feet from streams and rivers.
11. To implement our AS 16 responsibilities, maintain an appropriate field presence, and fully coordinate with ADNR in the development of forest management plans, forest management agreements, and annual harvest plans, at a minimum, the annual costs detailed on the next page would be required in the region(s) in which FMAs were conducted.

Expected Annual Expenditures per Forest Management Agreement

<u>Personnel</u>		93.9
	PFT HBIII (\$5.2/mo)	62.4
	PPT Fish.Tech.III (\$3.3/mo)	20.1
	PPT Clerk Typist III (\$1.9/mo)	11.4
<u>Travel</u>		3.0
<u>Contractual</u>		4.0
<u>Supplies</u>		<u>2.0</u>
		102.9

*Not adjusted for annual inflation

To: Rep. Bill Williams
House Resource Committee
State of Alaska

Dear Sir,

Please Pass SB 310, because
it is very important to Seward and
the entire State of Alaska.

Sincerely,
Summer L. Groom
Box 3324
Seward, AK 99664

4-21-77

To Rep. Bill Williams
House Resources Committee
House of Representatives For The State of Alaska
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sir

Please Pass S.B. 310 Without The
State Having The ability To enter into long
Term Timber contracts There is almost No
chance That any interested party's would be
able To invest in any Type of wood processing
Facility in Alaska.

The domestic Processing portion of the
Bill is also vital but could be Taken care
of at a later date.

We at Seward and Throughout Alaska
are counting on you and the committee

Jim Harris
P.O. Box 968
Seward, Alaska
99668

To Rep. Bill Williams
House Resources Committee
House of Representatives for the State of Alaska
Seward, Alaska

Dear Sir

Please Pass SB 310 IT
IS VERY IMPORTANT TO THE ECONOMY
OF ALASKA AND THE CITY OF
SEWARD.

Dan Anderson

PO Box 2602

Seward Alaska 99664

DEAR REPRESENTATIVE WILLIAMS

I WOULD LIKE TO SEE SB 310 PASS
~~FOR~~ FOR REASON THAT ARE,

A. JOBS - UNEMPLOYMENT IS HIGH ENOUGH.

B. TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE RESOURCES WHILE
THEY ARE STILL USEABLE.

B. D. HOSTMAN
SEWARD AK.

To Rep. Bill Williams

House Resource Committee

House of Representatives for the state of Alaska

Juneau, Alaska

to the House of ~~Resource~~ Committee

I about to be laid off in a couple of week here. I hope you pass SB 310 bill so I don't have to leave Seward, I been here for 14 years now in Seward a don't want to leave.

Kevin Jackson
Seward

4-21-94

To Rep. Bill Williams
House Resources Committee
House of Representatives for the State of Alaska
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sir

I move here 4 years ago for work
and now I'm trying to keep working
so I would like it if you pass S/B 310

Thank you

Tim W. Jones
Seward, Alaska

TO Rep. Bill Williams
House Resources Committee
House of Representatives For The State of
Alaska JANUARY ALASKA

Dear Sir

Please pass S.B. 310 IT
is very important to the economy
of Alaska and the City of Seward

I was born in Seward and
plan living here the rest of my
life. We need jobs in Seward.
I would like to see Seward saw
mill back in operation. We all need
jobs to make Seward progress in
revenue and benefit the people in
Seward and other parts of Alaska.

Charles M. Larson
P.O. Box 1552
Seward, Alaska
99664

DEAR REP WILLIAMS
PLEASE PASS SB-3101 WHILE WE WANT
TO PASS A LAW THAT WILL BAN THE
EXPORT OF WHOLE LOGS OVERSEAS.

Mitch McDevitt
SEWARD AK.

to whom ~~it~~ may concern
if this bill S.B. 310 PASSES,
it might just keep some of us
off of unemployment, or welfare.

~~1-7-1960~~

Seward Alaska

DEAR Representative Williams

Please PASS SB-3107 While
we WANT to pass A LAW that's
Prohibits exports of whole Logs
From state Lands.

We want to pass A LAW that
lets the state to Enter
Long term contracts.

PASS SB-3101 Its important
to my future in Seward.

Glenn Pearce
Box 3715
Seward, AK 99664

I want to see SB 310 passed as long as
it contains provisions that prohibits Export of
whole logs and pertains to beetle kill trees only.

Thank you

Bernard H Ruckhardt

To Rep Bill Williams
House Resources Committee
House of Representatives for the State of
Alaska Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I have worked in Seward
Saw Mill four years building it,
I have seen a major effort
producing lumber and wood chips
learned a future in operating
A De Backer, running a saw
mill.

Please pass SB 310 to
keep logs in supply to keep
US going, I put a lot of
hours, in the saw mill and
would like to see production to
continue.

Vincent Theodore
P.O. Box 2063
Seward AK
99664

To Rep. Bill Williams
House Resources Committee
House of Representatives
for the State of Alaska
Juneau, AK.

Dear Rep. Williams

Please help the State of Alaska and
The also The Town a people of Seward.
We need S.B. 310 to pass so we
and many other Alaskan will have work.
I moved to Alaska 12 years ago and love
The state and the people. We need this Bill
to pass so we can get the wood to our
mill, to stay working also it would make
other jobs for the other people in Alaska

Please help us Pass Bill S.B. 310
it would mean a lot to us and many other
Alaskans.

Thank you

Judy R. Werning

Box 1327

Seward, AK 99664

To Rep Bill Williams

IF you pass bill S.B. 310 it will
allow the mill in seward to stay
open for local jobs here in seward

R. J. Winkler
Seward

from Seward, Alaska

To: Rep Bill William
House Resources Committee
House of Representatives
Juneau, Alaska State of Alaska

Dear Sir:

Please pass SB 310

it will help support the local
jobs here in Seward at the mill
It will also support the U.S.
government and protect our
lumber from being exported
(which is supporting another country)
Support the U.S. for Christ's
sake.

Sincerely
-Angela Danforth

TO Rep BILL WILLIAMS


To the house of Resources committee
The state of Alaska and City of Seward
need this BILL SB310 Pass to help
The economy and the Jobs of workers
at SAWMILL OF SEWARD if this
will Band Sale of Round Logs To over seas
This state and ALL the Rest of the
States need this To help folks
At home not the Slante.cys
folks

hope you get A Lot
of good out of this so you
can help the home boys

Delmer Owens

PO. BOX 2774

Seward AK



To Rep. BILL Williams
House Resources Committee
House of Representatives for the State of Alaska
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sir

I was born and raised in Seward, and
am trying to stay home, and still work.

Please pass SB 310 so the Local Sawmill
will be able to stay open and continue
to supply jobs for the local economy

Jess E. Sweatt

Box 811

Seward Alaska

99664

TO: REP WILLIAMS

4-21-94

S/B 310 WOULD BE AN
IMPORTANT ELEMENT IN THE ALASKA
FOREST MANAGEMENT PICTURE.

WITHOUT IT I DON'T FEEL THAT
WE CAN HAVE A VIABLE, LONG TERM,
TIMBER PROCESSING BASE OF EMPLOYMENT.
NOT USING OUR RESOURCES IN A WISE
MANNER THAT BENEFITS THE PEOPLE
AND ECONOMY OF THIS STATE WOULD BE
A SHAME. LETTING IT ROT AND
POSSIBLY CAUSE WILDFIRES SHOULD BE
A CRIME.

IT IS WITH A STRONG SENSE
OF URGENCY THAT I IMPLORE YOU
TO EXHAUST EVERY AVERAGE IN YOUR
POWER TO HELP PASS THIS BILL.

THANK YOU

HAROLD GUTHRIE
SEWARD AK

APRIL 21, 1994

REPRESENTATIVE BILL WILLIAMS
Chairman, House Resources Committee
House of Representatives for the State of Alaska
Juneau, Alaska


Mr. Williams,

Currently I am employed by Seward Forest Products. As you know we are shutting down shortly, due to I'm told, the purchase price of logs exceeding the sales price of lumber. This was because the overseas market was offering a higher dollar amount than we could afford to pay and still make a profit.

I would like to see SB310 passed, so that, even if our jobs now can't be kept, it would give another U.S. mill a chance to keep Americans employed. Are we going to sell all of our timber to overseas markets, so that in 10 years, or less, we have to buy back our own trees in lumber form from the same place we sold it to. This doesn't seem to smart to me.

Thank you for your time, please help Alaska take care of herself.

Sincerely,



Diccene M. Smith
P.O. Box 331
Seward, AK 99664
224-8467

REP. Bill Williams
House Resources Committee
House of Representatives for the State of Alaska
Juneau Alaska

Dear Sir:

I would like to see the passage of S. B. 310. Without the ability of wood products companies to enter into some kind of long term agreements it is very difficult for any interested parties to warrant the investment into any facilities in Alaska.

I would also like to see some sort of domestic processing action but this could be addressed at a later date.

I thank you for your time & hope you give it great consideration for the people of Seward & Alaska

Thank you
Larry W. Wiman
Box 1327
Seward AK
99669

April 16, 1994

Dear Representative Bill Williams,

I lived in Alaska from 1981 to 1984 and hold a Master of Science Degree in Geology from the University of Alaska-Fairbanks, of which I am very proud. I now teach science in Wisc.

Today I write to Oppose SB 310 and the CS (Committee Substitute). This legislation is flawed and contradicts Alaska's forest practices Act.

Even the CS amends the primary purpose of Alaska's forests, large-scale, commercial logging will deplete forest resources and will NOT benefit Alaska's economy. The CS would exempt some very large timber sales from planning and public notice requirements. These bills also give the Commissioner of Nat. Res. too much latitude in timber sales contracts.

So take a lesson from the lo. 48--

OPPOSE S.B. 310 and the CS. Thank you,

MARK STURNICK *MS*

We the undersigned:

Want the following conditions implemented in whole to Bill 310 to include

1. All State log sales or leases are to be utilized in domestic industry or consumption.
2. At no time shall State timber be shipped overseas in the round.
3. That all State logs for overseas use will be;
 - a). Those logs that are lumbar grade must be made into finished lumber in the state of Alaska.
 - b). Logs of lower grade must be chipped or processed in the state of Alaska.

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13. [Handwritten Name]	P.O. Box 3364 Seward	
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17. [Handwritten Name]	POB 1013 Seward	224-5710

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Joseph Smith	" " " "	"

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James M. Blodgett 574-58-4217 907-376-5068
 Thomas Lundgren 557-77-9866

Schulz 427-53-0125
 ROSS GREENFIELD PO 1821 SEWARD 99664
 Dan Choerund P.O. Box 2355 Seward AK 99664

Samuel A. Berg 108 SEWARD AK 99664
 Calvin McQuinn P.O. Box 381 SEWARD AK

Vote: No 310 if those logs can be exported
 Round.

Vote: Yes 310 if No log can be exported
 Round


 Charles R. Booth
 PO Box 102 Seward 99664
 224-5751

TO REP. BILL WILLIAMS

4-21-94

HOUSE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA

JENEAU, ALASKA

DEAR SIR:

I AM PRESENTLY EMPLOYED AT SEWARD
FORREST PRODUCTS IN SEWARD AK AND WOULD LIKE
TO CONTINUE WORKING. PLEASE PASS S/B 310 SO
THAT THE MILL CAN CONTINUE TO OPERATE AND
SUPPLY MUCH NEEDED JOBS FOR THE COMMUNITY.

THANK YOU
Robert N. Goggin

TO Rep. Bill Williams
House Resources Committee
House of Representatives for the State of AK
Juneau Alaska

Dear Sir

if this Bill will pass we will
be able to keep my job so please let
the SB 310 Bill pass because there
is not any other work here

I thank you

~~Star~~ Orelly

DEAR MR WILLIAMS

I HAVE 3 CHILDREN AND A
JOB PAYS A LOT MORE THAN
WELFARE. I WOULD RATHER
WORK THAN DRAW WELFARE.

THANK YOU

Sharon Jones

To Rep. Bill Williams
HOUSE RESOURCE COMMITTEE
House of Representatives for The State of Alaska
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sir,

I am about to be laid off from work
at The Seward Sawmill. I have lived here
for 3 years and watched Job's godown hill
since I have been here since the sawmill
will be closing I will have to move.
Please sir pass SB 310 and save my Job.

Thank you

Bob

Seward, AK 99664

Legislative Information Office

FAX Transmission

From: Marianna Keil

Date: 4/25/94

To: *House resources*

Time: 8:30

Company: *Alaska State Legislature*

FAX #:

Message:

*A petition to reconsider
amendment 35 to SB 310.*

*Charles Booth gathered these
signatures this weekend. 2245751*

VOICE: 224-5066 FAX: 224-5067

P.O. Box 1769, Seward, AK 99664

SB 310

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Dierdorff
4/20/94

AMENDMENT

X.35

OFFERED IN THE HOUSE
TO: CSSB 310(RES)

BY REPRESENTATIVE DAVIES

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Insert a new subsection to read:

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Reletter the following subsections accordingly.

We the undersigned:

Want this amendment to be reintroduced and passed before passing SB 310!!!!

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		224-3037
Robert DiPiero	Robert DiPiero	P.O. Box 3284 Seward, AK
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- ~~Fred K. George~~ P.O. Box 581 Seward AK 224 7245 (message)
- ~~Marjorie M. Bengtson~~ P.O. Box 7701 SEWARD AK 724-5709 (fax)
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Robin J. Hoopland 224-3876

P.O. Box 1805 Seward AK 99664

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~~Ernie J. Fennell P.O. Box 1525 Seward, AK 99664~~

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~~Frank L. Smith P.O. Box 8522 NIKISK AK~~

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~~John A. Reed P.O. Box 1277 Central AK~~

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- Bruce P. Westwood P.O. Box 702 Seward AK 99664
- Kalen Altheimer Box 248 Seward AK 99664
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- Bill Sperry P.O. Box 275 Seward AK 99664
- Tamie McCann P.O. Box 1081 Seward AK 99664
- Linda Johnson Box 790 Seward AK 99664
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What is going on here? First you try to away our wolves, now you're trying to take away our trees. The government was established to represent the people not the corporations. The people that live in Alaska are here because of Alaskas resources and how man has not yet destroyed them - like they have in the lower 48 & the rest of the world. Alaska has a delicate balance within the wildlife system & if you throw it off balance - you destroy it. We, the people of Alaska & the world will not stand by & let the financial - business world destroy our Earth. The moose, Fish, Geese, Owls, Lynx, Caribou, Soil, & water all depend on the healthiness of the land. This bill will destroy that

Signed: B. J. [Signature]

Testifier

Mother Earth & her children - Employer!

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Healthiness, that balance, the land. Are the companies benefiting

from the logging willing to suffer the financial consequences for the destruction of the land and the wildlife?
 If you want to really make money keep Alaska intact. People come from all over the world to see our

Once again, it looks like all of us who want to testify against SB 310, here in Fairbanks, will not be able to speak. The names below are people in Fairbanks who oppose SB 310.

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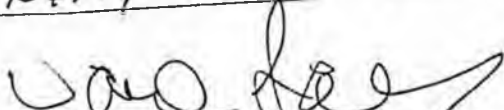
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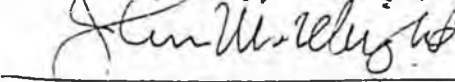
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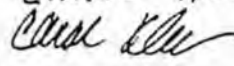
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June 20 year old Alaskan Native
VAF student ^{and hunter}

First I want to acknowledge my Elders Sarah James & Howard ^{the banks} like
Opposition to HB 310 needs to organize
against the representatives that support HR
310, large industry cannot dominate, and
control even manipulate resources in AK
and our representatives need to realize that
~~constant depletion~~. If the representatives do
not represent our positions, we must do all that
we can as concerned people to extract them,
so that these situations do not occur again.

After a ~~brief~~ conversation w/ Rep. Steve Frank's
office I ^{discussed} these things.

1) Steve Frank is not receptive to the public
at large and input thereof, which is a statement
in itself about the lack of true concern Mr. Frank has
for the people he represents. What do you do when
the people you elect do not listen to you?
You vote them out of office.

2) There is an agenda that ~~we are not aware~~
we ~~are not aware~~ we Alaskans are not aware
of. Why would an interior representative fight
so hard for out of state industry? This
Bill ~~will not employ~~ will not employ
such a huge workforce that is advertised as.
I would encourage the legislative process
to investigate Mr. Frank and his team
to see what ~~is~~ driving them so hard for out
of state industry. How will he benefit
personally. Is his ~~name~~ name
Steve "Weyerhaeuser" Frank?

3) The continuing consensus that Alaska
 is one large resource is now conveyed
 in the political arena by these representatives.
 Please remember, All Alaskans, that this
 land was once ^{Native Lands} and ~~the~~
 natives ~~lived~~ balanced their lifestyle
 with the land, w/out gobbling up beauty. ^{resources}

This is Alaska, the last frontier.
 When people come here and see
 No Washington's vast clearcuts ~~in Alaska~~
~~throughout~~ Their hearts will drop as soon
 as they realize that Alaska is no longer
 a frontier. Thank you Mr. Frank
~~for repeating~~ taking away our
 beauty, ~~and trying~~ and trying
 to mute our objections. I'm sure
 we'll meet with ~~thank~~ you in more than
 one way.

Frank



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I object to SB 310. Long term, 20 year FMA are not appropriate to address sustainable timber management and local economy. I build things out of wood, nice things, things that hopefully last a long time, log houses, timber frame houses, Birch Bark canoes, you might have seen the canoe I entered into an art show in Fairbanks last week in the Newspaper. It won 1. Price and can score \$4000. I used very little resources to build it and look it can make money. I make quality things, and so I'm committed to earning for the resources that I work with. I'm looking for quality wood, ~~long~~ tall straight-grain trees free of knots. Those you cannot find everywhere, they take a long time to grow, and those are also the ones that would be targeted, eliminated by the clearcutting. →

Signed: P. Amundson
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We the undersigned took time out of our work and lives to testify against SB 310. Some of us have repeatedly done this, only to be turned away because time runs out. We anticipate that today, April 15, 1994, we will not have time to testify. We refuse to be silenced. These are our names:

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 (Celia Hunter)
 Ginny Wood (Ginny Wood)

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If add this amend Don't Pass 310

Signed:



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Forest bill needs tempering

If Alaska is going to benefit from the long-term forest agreements proposed by some of our legislators, the agreements must be done right—economically and environmentally.

Some signs in Juneau indicate that goal may not be getting the support it deserves. The bill allowing the state to assign large tracts of forest land to single companies has bypassed the House Finance Committee, ostensibly because it would have no effect on state finances.

The assertion is questionable at best. First, forest management agreements will *earn* some money for the state through stumpage fees. Second, such agreements will *cost* the state because they will, if done right, require much more intensive forest inventories and oversight.

Better inventories are necessary both to protect the state and the forest.

Alaska should never find itself in the position faced by Alberta, Canada. It committed to huge forest management agreements years ago without proper inventories. Now it turns out there isn't enough wood on the land they assigned to the agreements, so the province is looking to its park land to meet its commitments.

More important, thorough inventories would be critical to the long-term health of our forest under management agreements. Scientists and our own intuitions tell us that truly sustaining the forest requires corridors of undisturbed land along streams and across watersheds to allow travel of beneficial animals, birds and insects. Old growth nodes must be left to act as "seed" areas for the plants, soil bacteria and fungus essential to healthy forests. Detailed inventories help make such ideas work.

Besides acknowledging the need for complete inventories, legislators ought to consider a few other changes to Senate Bill 310. It should create a public process that would set the maximum amount of acreage to be covered in agreements at one time and the maximum amount to be placed in new leases in any one year. That would address concerns that a pro-industry administration will tie up too much of our best land, leaving local users with the dregs.

The current bill also lets the commissioner of natural resources commit the state to paying for much or all of the industry's roads, scaling services and reforestation. That would be costly work, but the bill only requires the commissioner to evaluate proposed management agreements for economic benefits to the state. We need a statement of liabilities, too.

Knowledge of those liabilities is particularly important given experiences in Canada, where some pulp mills with forest agreements have required outrageous subsidies. Critics of forest agreements suspect such subsidies are the only way Alaska will be able to compete with South American and Southeast Asian pulp mills.

If that's true, the public needs to know so it can hit the kill switch.

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The STATE of Alaska contains 365 million acres of land.

There is 215 million acres under Federal ownership. This is 60% of our STATE. Most of this land is dedicated to parks, habitats, and recreation for eco-tourism and other non-commodity uses.

There is 46 million acres of Native Land in this State.

There is 104 million acres of STATE Land which is supposedly dedicated to the use of all citizens of this STATE as directed by our STATE Constitution. Most of this land is being used for habitats and recreation uses!!

Most of this State has been locked up and is being used as one big National Park! Now the preservationists, the vocal minority who you are hearing today, want more ^{to} lock up ^{more}. How greedy can you get! The more they get, the more they want. Is this in the best interest of all citizens

The words you are about to hear
~~are applicable to~~ the situation we now
have in Alaska. Please ^{listen} to the
words carefully.

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Let's wisely use our renewable resources
Let us not lock up our STATE land
any more than what it is!!

With oil wells going dry we need to
wisely develop our renewable
natural resources!!!

→ wood fibre is the future of the interior
I support Senate Bill 310.

Thank you

Joe Young
TOK, Alaska

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Testimony prepared for teleconference hearing on CS SB 310 - April 15, 1994 before House Resources Committee, Bill Williams, Chairman.

Presented by Ginny HillWood, 1819 Muskox Trail, Fairbanks, AK 99709 - telephone 479-2754.

I don't pretend to have a Ph.D in Forestry, but neither have the Senator's who introduced SB 310; nor do those who chose to vote down most of the amendments that might have made a ~~large scale~~ timber industry acceptable on our State Forest lands.

I have taken much time - my own time - during the past year to study forest management and timber harvesting practices elsewhere on this planet, particularly in the boreal forests of Canada and Scandinavia.

I've discovered that the extent of recent clear cutting of the Canadian boreal forests plus the amount slated for harvest may have more impact on climate changes and the oxygen/carbon balance vital for sustaining mammal life (which includes us humans) than the over-harvesting of the tropical and temperate zone trees already have had. Scandinavia has little old growth boreal forest left. Now they grow tree farms which do not produce a healthy self-sustaining forest ecosystem.

Another fact I learned about the Canadian experience was that clear cut boreal forests differ from fire-burned forests in re-vegetation. Fire does not usually harm the soil structure or the microflora. The heavy behemoths used today in large-scale operations compact the soil and remove the duff, both of which have a negative effect on re-growth.

I also found out that the popular opinion that large scale, long term Forest Management Agreements (FMAs) are good for local community economics, is a myth, in the ~~long term~~. The

corporate raiders come in from afar or abroad, woo the Chambers of Commerce, the media, business leaders, politicians, and government agencies with promises of profits and jobs. Contracts are signed before realistic cost/benefit studies can be made.

Later audits show that the true costs of managing the contracts by the Forest Service were often more than the corporations paid for the logs. Most of the profits went afar in industry pockets, and most of the jobs, especially the skilled ones, went to trained personnel the corporations brought with them. Logging and mill operations are not very labor intensive in the high-tech processing plants utilized these days.

The public usually foots the bill for much of the infrastructure to lure the industry, and they also suffer the impact on schools, added social services, road damage by logging equipment, to say nothing about reduced access to forest lands for outdoor recreation and tourism.

And our representatives from our district don't see any reason for CS SB 310 to undergo scrutiny by the House and Senate Finance Committees!

Once long term large scale FMA contracts are signed, we are locked into the consequences. Our boreal forests are too special and precious, both economically and ecologically, for hasty, ill-conceived give-aways. We can do better than SB 310 as it now stands.

Gunny Hill Wood

Testimony for teleconference sponsored by the House Resources on CS SB 310 on April 20, 1994. *which Time did not permit,*

My name is Ginny Hill Wood, 1819 Muskox Trail, Fairbanks, Alaska 99709 - 479-2754. I have lived in Alaska since 1947.

Testimony as follows:

SB 310 is full of myths and errors. The substitute corrected few of them. Amendments which might have fixed it were turned down.

Here are a few of the false assumptions:

MYTH: That large-scale, 20-year contracts called Forest Management agreements (FMAs) are necessary to lure Big Industry to log our boreal forests, and that they will do it right -- just like the petroleum industry.

FACT: They will come, all right, but on their own terms. That's how it has been in our national forest, in the tropical forests, in the Pacific Northwest, and in the boreal forests of Canada.

FMAs have rarely benefitted local sustainable forest ecosystems in the long run.

More often, the public coffers have subsidized INDUSTRY profits. Local communities have suffered the impact costs.

MYTH: Local communities will gain jobs.

FACT: Out-of-work loggers from Pacific Northwest woods will swarm up here. Modern timber cutting and processing is NOT labor intensive. Jobs are few and very highly skilled. Industry will bring their own workers with them.

MYTH: The impact on forest ecology from clear-cutting

differs little from forest fires. Trees will regrow naturally.

FACT: Forest fires usually leave soils and micro-flora intact. But modern large logging equipment does NOT. Regrowth is not the same, species-wide. Tree farming is not yet proven in boreal forests, and would not recreate a complete forest ecosystem.

MYTH: It will not cost the State Division of Forestry any more to manage large scale, 20-year FMA contracts than it now does to manage the present scale of timber harvesting.

FACT: If this is true, then they wouldn't be doing a very good job overseeing the process.

MYTH: CSSB 310 has nothing to do with the Finance Committee

FACT: If economics and a cost/benefit analysis isn't the crux of this matter, then you just don't get it!

MYTH: That environmentalists (Eco-Terrorists as some term them now) only want to hug trees and not cut them.

FACT: Environmentalists have always proposed that we scrap this bum bill, sit down together with existing local timber harvesters and processors, legislators, business men, ~~and~~ *Economists and* professional foresters and through the Public Process come up with a bill that will work for a sustainable local economy, community directed, that also maintains a viable, multi-use, forest ecosystem. It can be done.

Thank you.

Signed: GINNY HILL WOOD
Ginny Hill Wood

April 21, 1994

Rep. Bill Williams

Chairman, House Resources Committee

House of Representatives for the State of Alaska

Juneau, Alaska

Dear Representative Williams:

Please pass SB-310. I strongly endorse a law that prohibits the export of whole logs from state lands. However, I realize that it is necessary to be able to enter into long term agreements for a sufficient log supply in order to eventually take advantage of a change in the law.

It is imperative to pass SB-310 today. The issue of in-state processing can be dealt with later. This bill and its passage directly affects lives in Seward and the rest of the state.

Respectfully submitted,

Bert Wright

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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Resources
committee name

committee on SB 310, dated 20 April 1994
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I am presently employed as a wildlife biologist in Fairbanks. Back in the early 1970's I worked as a logger and commercial fisherman along the lower Columbia River in Washington state.

It must be obvious that this is a controversial bill. The issue of expanded logging in the Tanana forest was being addressed through a public forestry forum - with all interests represented - in Fairbanks the past couple of years. SB 310 is an effort to circumvent this ongoing public process. It is a rush to impose the interests of ~~one~~ group upon the majority of the public.

I have lived in an area where logging was king and other interests suffered. Long-term timber sales are ruining Alberta and British Columbia. Let us take time to do things right here in Alaska.

Signed: JOHN M. WRIGHT

Testifier

self

Representing (Optional)

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Fax to House Resources 465-3793
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April 22, 1994

Re:SB 310

This is a bad bill.

1. It sells our logs cheaply.
2. It creates logging as a priority use to the detriment of other uses.
3. It is a serious detriment to tourism and will cost us jobs there.
4. It encourages loggers who have run out of logs elsewhere to come here and end up out of work here,
5. It does not require bonding thus encouraging fly-by-night operations.
6. It exempts up to a million board feet a year in a single region from any control.
7. Much state forested land is proximate to communities like Petersburg and many of us don't want the clear cut single use concept on our doorsteps.

DO NOT PASS SB 310.

Syd Wright

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TESTIMONY OF RONALD R. WOLFE, CHIEF FORESTER

KLUKWAN FOREST PRODUCTS

TO THE HOUSE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

ON CSSB 310

Good morning, my name is Ronald R. Wolfe and I am the Chief Forester for Klukwan Forest Products, and I would like to offer testimony today in support of the Committee Substitute bill SB 310, which amends Title 38, and Title 41 to make the establishment of Forest Management Agreements possible. ~~Considering the budgetary difficulties facing the State of Alaska, and the desperate need to diversify Alaska's economy, this bill offers a~~ welcome alternative means to stimulate some long term forest development.

Klukwan Forest Products is a wholly owned subsidiary of Klukwan Incorporated, a Southeast Alaska Native Corporation, and holds the unique distinction of harvesting its own timber as well as purchasing timber from the widest variety of Alaska timber owners. KFP has purchased timber from the federal government, the University of Alaska, other Native Corporations in

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Southeast and Southcentral Alaska, and it has even purchased a little timber from the state of Alaska, which heretofore has not been able to put up very much timber for sale. CSSB 310 offers an alternative to the existing way the state sells timber, which really hasn't been very successful, so that long term benefits can be attained. This is particularly true for the boreal forests of Interior and Southcentral where the lack of infrastructure frustrates forest resource development, but we at KFP think it may have application elsewhere *in the state* as well. The main benefit is a reliable supply for industry to make capital investments, and if this is allowed to occur Alaska's forest industry will be allowed to expand and improve. A reliable supply of raw materials is an absolute necessity for industry to obtain financing to build manufacturing facilities and necessary infrastructure, or invest ^{capital} corporate assets into such a venture.

Now, having offered support for this Bill, I would ask the House Resources Committee to amend the Alaska Forest Resources and Practices Act by remove a confusing reference to sustained yield with respect to reforestation in section 41.17.060 (b)(4). The section currently states:

(4) to the fullest extent practicable, harvested forest land shall be reforested, naturally or artificially, so as to result in a sustained yield of merchantable timber from that land; if artificial planting is required, silviculturally acceptable seedlings must first be available for planting at an economically fair price in the state; and

We request the language "so as to result in a sustained yield of merchantable timber from that land" be deleted, and it is my understanding the legislative legal services office has proposed some language that would repeal Section 41.17.060 (b)(4) and move that section to a new paragraph 8 in 41.17.060(c), and create a new section 41.17.060(d) that would state:

(d) With respect to private land only, to the fullest extent practicable, harvest forest land shall be reforested, naturally or artificially. If artificial planting is required, silviculturally acceptable seedlings must first be available for planting at an economically fair price in the state.

The new paragraph 8 is appropriate Section (c) in 41.17 which refers to state and municipal forest land only.

This is something that should have been done when the Forest Practices Act was amended several years ago because in that review it was recognized that there would be specific stocking standards for reforestation in the ensuing regulations. Today article 5 of 11 AAC 95 contains these specific standards, and because these regulations have been promulgated and are now law this

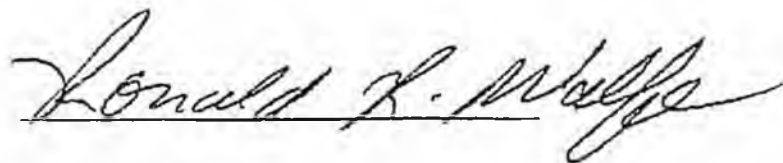
change is more house keeping rather than substantive. The confusing reference to sustained yield has resulted in at least one instance of a threat of lawsuit against the Commissioner of Natural Resources supposedly not enforcing sustained yield management on a particular parcel of private land. Clearly this is not appropriate, nor legal for that matter, and its removal will be helpful to prevent the state, and private landowners from having to defend against a frivolous lawsuit.

During the Senate hearings on this bill quite a bit of testimony was given expressing concern over the way this bill would change the public's input into the planning process. In the past much of this input has been directed towards the protection of publicly owned nontimber resources, but it should be remembered that these plans were prepared before the existing Alaska Forest Resources and Practices Regulations were promulgated. These detailed regulations provide a great deal of protection to nontimber forest resources that the state planning processes have provided in the past with input from the public. So effectively the protection to these resources remains, it just comes from today's regulations instead of a lengthy and

expensive processes which has got to somehow be changed for successful development of state forest lands.

In closing, the concept of forest management agreements is a good one to make the supply available to those who can manufacture wood products, and generate revenue to the state of Alaska where appropriate. In some instances this may be for hardwoods, for instance in the Fairbanks area, and in other locations of the state it may be for other species as well. Flexibility such as this is necessary to create the jobs and realize the long term economic benefits associated with forest development here in Alaska.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ronald R. Wolfe". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Ronald R. Wolfe

Chief Forester



UCIDA

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April 19, 1994

SENT BY TELEFAX

Representative Bill Williams,
Chair, House Resources Committee
State Capitol, Room #128
Juneau, AK. 99801-1182

SUBJECT: CS SB310 (RES)
UCIDA POSITION: Opposed

Dear Representative Williams,

United Cook Inlet Drift Association (UCIDA) represents the 585 salmon drift permit holders in Upper Cook Inlet. Some 350 permit holders are current members of our association. UCIDA is also active at the state and federal levels as a member of the Executive Committee of United Fishermen of Alaska (UFA).

UCIDA would like to inform you of our strong opposition to CS SB310 (RES). This legislation constitutes little more than a give away of our timber resources for short term gain at the expense of other uses and users of our renewable resources.

Section 2: Exempts sales under 500,000 board feet from the current public review process which requires that a sale be on the Timber Sale Schedule for two years.

Section 3: Authorizes Forest Management Agreements (FMA). This allows the Commissioner the authority to circumvent the public process and determine that timber harvesting is the best use of the state's forest resources. Other uses will be sacrificed to short term profits for operators. More specific concerns with FMA are as follows:

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- No legislature has adequately funded reforestation or implementation of the Forest Practices Act.
- DNR decides where and what size FMA's will be.
- Public comment occurs only after FMA bids are received.
- There is no provision that the state not lose funds (Please see enclosed Guest Editorial, Peninsula Clarion, 4/19/94). FMA's clearly can create a state subsidized industry not supported by the public.
- Contrary to the claim of many sponsors, FMA's can NOT guarantee local industry. There is no longer a primary processing law in Alaska. The holder of a FMA is free to sell timber to the highest bidder.

Section 4 (c)(3): Requires, for state and municipal forest lands, that they be administered for the expansion (emphasis ours) of harvest activities. This can only be at the expense of other non-extractive uses. At the very least, without definitions of "business, activities; and life styles that are dependent upon or derived from forest resources" this amendment will create endless litigation and is ripe for abuse.

Section 5: Much as Section 4, creates a defacto preference for harvest activities, the new language of this section clearly tries to establish a preference for "development of commercial forest land," while merely "perpetuating personal, commercial, and other beneficial uses".

Section 6: This section allows the Commissioner to restrict the public uses of land and resources in order to carry out the "resource giveaway" proposed in preceding Sections. Further, "forest growth at a high level of productivity" and "the interests of private landowners" are mandated to be taken into account. However, these interests may at times be inconsistent with other public uses.

I would appreciate it if a copy of our comments could be distributed to the rest of the House Resources Committee members.

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In conclusion, UCIDA requests that you not support this attack on the public process and uses other than timber harvests.

Sincerely,



Theo Matthews
Administrative Assistant

CC Representative Phillips
Representative Davis
Representative Navarre
Senator Little
Senator Salo
Commissioner Carl Rosier, ADF&G
Alaska Environmental Lobby, Inc.
Alaska Outdoor Council
Alaska Sportfishing Association
United Fishermen of Alaska

What others say

To agree on trees, bring everyone aboard

If Alaska is going to benefit from the long-term forest agreements proposed by some of our legislators, then the agreements must be done right — economically and environmentally.

Some signs in Juneau indicate that goal may not be getting the support it deserves. The bill allowing the state to assign large tracts of forest land to single companies has bypassed the House Finance Committee, ostensibly because it would have no effect on state finances.

The assertion is questionable at best. First, forest management agreements will earn some money for the state through stumpage fees. Second, such agreements will cost the state because they will, if done right, require much more intensive forest inventories and future oversight.

Better inventories are necessary both to protect the state and the forest.

Alaska should never find itself in the position faced by the Canadian province of Alberta. It committed to huge forest management agreements years ago without proper inventories. Now it turns out there isn't enough wood on the land they assigned to the agreements, so the province is looking to its park land to meet commitments.

More important, thorough inventories would be critical to the long-term health of our forest under management agreements. Scientists and our own intuitions tell us that truly sustaining the forest requires corridors of undisturbed land along streams and across watersheds to allow travel of beneficial animals, birds and insects. Old growth nodes must be left to act as "seed" areas for the plants, soil bacteria and fungus essential to healthy forests. Detailed inventories help make such ideas work.

Besides acknowledging the need for complete inventories, legislators ought to consider a few other changes to SB310. It should create a public process that would set the maximum amount of acreage to be covered in agreements at any one time and the maximum amount to be placed in new leases in any one year. That would address concerns that a pro-industry administration will tie up too much of our best land, leaving local users with the dregs.

The current bill also lets the commissioner of natural resources commit the state to paying for much or all of the industry's roads, scaling services and reforestation. That would be costly work, but the bill only requires the commissioner to evaluate proposed management agreements for economic benefits to the state. We need a statement of liabilities, too.

Knowledge of those liabilities is particularly important given experiences in Canada, where some pulp mills with forest agreements have required outrageous subsidies. Most critics of forest agreements suspect such government subsidies are the only way Alaska will be able to compete with large pulp mills in South America and Southeast Asia.

If that's true, then the public needs to know so it can hit the kill switch.

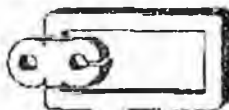
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DATE: April 12, 1994
TO: Representative Williams
Chair, House Resources Committee
FROM: Dane Wagner
RE: SB310
FAX: 465-3793 No. of Pages 1

We have attended meetings, written letters, and made phone calls to no avail - why don't you listen to the majority of Alaskans when they say they do not want a bill such as SB310. Throw it in the trash and do something constructive for a change.

I talk to people all over this state daily and I have not talked to ANY who are in favor of a ridiculous idea like SB310. We are being labeled as environmentalists. You would become one over night if I showed up in your back yard with a chain saw. Who are you going to call for help? Wake up and realize what you are doing to many peoples dreams and ambitions.

Why don't you start by replanting all of the devastated areas on southeast alone, see how many years it takes before a harvestable tree crop is ready! The legislators are entrusted by the people to make responsible decisions and that is what we expect!

I vote independent but I follow most of the Republican party lines - but not this one and neither do my friends - all most all of them are in the business community.

This plan is obviously a short term profit for some one in Juneau. Once again Alaskans are being short changed.

Sincerely,

Dane Wagner

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DATE: 13 APRIL 94

TO : REPRESENTATIVE WILLIAMS
CHAIR - HOUSE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

FROM: REID WAGNER

RE : SB 310

FAX : 465-3793 NO. OF PAGES 1

I HAVE FOLLOWED THIS BILL FROM ITS ORIGIN,
LISTENED TO PROS AND CONS AND AM STILL AMAZED
HOW MANY LEGISLATORS EVIDENTLY HAVE A PERSONAL
INTEREST IN THIS BOON-DOGGLE, IT MUST BE A HIGHLY
PROFITABLE PROGRAM TO THEM NOW AND IN THE FUTURE,
IT CERTAINLY IS NOT IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF ALASKA
OR ITS PEOPLE.

THE BILL TALKS ABOUT RENEWABLE RESOURCES
BEING USED, HOW MANY CENTURIES CAN ALASKANS WAIT
FOR THIS TO HAPPEN ONCE FORESTS ARE GONE. YOU
GUYS HAVE TO BE DREAMERS OR TOTALLY DERANGED
WHEN SUPPORTING THIS BILL. STATE FACTS NOT
MORE LEGISLATIVE SMOKE.

I VOTE INDEPENDENT AND HAVE FOR 35 YEARS

THANK YOU

REID WAGNER

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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Resources
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The Anchorage Fish and Game Advisory Committee
 opposes SB 310.

The section which turns management of State forest
 land over to private logging companies would certainly
 reduce the possibility for input from other users
 such as hunters and other recreationalists, and tourism
 businesses.

The role of ADF+G must be much stronger than
 simply advisory, as the bill's language presents now.

This bill places lower value on intact wildland
 for wildlife habitat and non-motorized recreation,
 and classifies timber production as best use. It weakens
 the principle of multiple use which should be the foundation
 for state resource policy.

Reforestation of logged land by whitebark species will provide
 merchantable timber does not consider the value of successional
 stages as wildlife habitat.

Signed: _____

Testifier

Eric Williamson Rep G/S representing

Representing (Optional) Anchorage F+G Advisory Committee

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April 24, 1994
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House Resources Committee
Alaska State Legislature
Capitol Building Room 124
Juneau, Alaska
99801

Dear Committee Members:

I am extremely concerned over the debate of SB 310 in the House. My family has lived off the Alaska Highway near the Robertson River about 30 miles west of Tok for 13 years. My husband, Hank, and I built our home with logs cut and peeled from our property. We both have Bachelor of Science degrees in Forestry from the University of Montana in Missoula. My forestry work experience included 4 years of seasonal employment with US Forest Service in Montana and Idaho marking timber sales, conducting stand inventories and checking utilization compliance on sales. I then received a permanent professional position with USFS and was in charge of stand inventories. I quit my job in order to return to school to finish requirements for an Education degree - which in turn brought us to Alaska. My husband has also worked for USFS in various positions, has been a logger and log house builder in the Upper Tanana Valley for 6 years.

Wood is an integral part of Alaskans' lives - we heat with it, build our homes with it, create furniture and carvings from it, cook with it. Wood is a valuable resource and in this day and age an ideal raw material, being renewable and recyclable. Interior Alaska is blessed with miles and miles of boreal forest - important to all of us for recreation, wildlife habitat, subsistence, tourism, hunting and trapping, firewood and lumber from local sawmills. How can some politicians believe that these interests will not be adversely affected by SB310? Will the employment and revenue generated by the big business timber industry offset the loss to small sawmills and subsistence users? Will our small locally-owned logging businesses be able to compete with outside industry interests? Can the forest resource supply us with a long-term sustained yield, faced with out-of-state money and 20 year FMAs? I think not. There are some good growing sites in the interior with relatively short rotations possible, however much of our forested land will prove difficult to regenerate. How can a living, ever-changing resource that is affected by so many factors and is such an integral part of Alaska's web of life be efficiently and properly managed by 20 year contracts? 20 years is a long time - alot can change in that time span. Access will be another major stumbling block - winter logging is an option but still requires roads. Why do the supporters of this bill feel that it is necessary to provide the "fullest possible access to, and use of" Alaska's natural resources? Who will pay for this road building and reforestation? Can Alaska afford to follow in the footsteps of USFS in subsidizing the logging industry with deficit sales at a time when that industry is having hard times all over the US? Why is the state ignoring sound multiple-use doctrine that fulfills needs of many types of users as well as protects the natural habitat, in favor of commercial timber being the

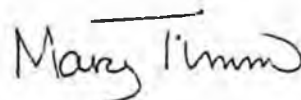
primary purpose of forest land?

A bill of this magnitude requires careful consideration - there are so many variables associated with Alaska's forests. Too many questions remain unanswered concerning this bill. Much more is at stake than just trees here.

I am afraid too many people are seeing dollar signs in their eyes and have not been informed as to the real costs and risks associated with this bill's passage. Please, for all Alaskans, vote NO on SB310.

Thank you for your time and effort.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Timm". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Mary Timm



Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Resources
committee name

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The lead sponsors of SB 310, Senator Frank and Representative Wilton
refuse to allow much of the public the opportunity
to testify, thereby dismissing our testimony as unimportant,
and their testimony as superior to the people.
As the Greeks knew, hubris is followed by Nemesis.

I sent you a proposed amendment to set a limit on
timber harvest in the Tanana Valley.

If the proponents really don't plan large scale
logging why is there no limit?

As it stands, SB 310 is badly flawed.

Either take the time this year or table it until next year.

Signed: Lane Thompson (LANE THOMPSON)
Testifier

Self

Representing (Optional)

PO Box 8035F Fairbanks, Alaska 99708

Address

April 19, 1994

Lane Thompson
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To: John Davies, Bill Williams, Steve Frank
Subj: Amendment to SB 310

I am a civil engineer who started work in Fairbanks as a surveyor in 1950. My wife and I have raised four children here.

I would like to see SB 310 defeated because it appears that the primary intent of its language is to undertake the deforestation of the Tanana Valley so that a few may profit. Since its powerful backers make it unlikely that SB 310 will be defeated, I ask, as a small concession to the many who oppose this bill, that the SB 310 sponsors at least set a limit on the total tree harvest in the Tanana Valley resulting from the FMA section of SB 310.

Since other logging will be taking place outside State FMAs, the limit proposed below is larger than I think desirable for a sustainable forest industry. However, in order to avoid having no limits at all, the proposed limit has been set deliberately at a level believed to be acceptable to the proponents of SB 310. The last four items of the proposal are to prevent cheating on the limit and to restrain giveaways of forest resources under FMAs.

Therefore, I propose that the following Paragraph (o) be added to 38.05.122. Section 3:

(o) Any person who signs a Forest Management Agreement under this section or any person who utilizes any temporary or permanent roads, bridges, factories or other facilities constructed in conjunction with such an agreement for the transport or processing of timber, shall be subject to the following provisions:

(1) Be it provided that the total

(a) the aggregate annual timber harvest on State Forest lands within the Tanana Valley drainage plus

(b) the aggregate annual timber harvest on all those other State, Federal, University, Mental Health, Native and private lands within the Tanana Valley drainage which have utilized any temporary or permanent roads, bridges, factories or other facilities constructed in conjunction with any State of Alaska FMAs in the Tanana Valley drainage,

shall not exceed 6,000 acres per calendar year, of which no more than 1,000 acres shall be white spruce.

(2) Any proposed change to the above total aggregate acreage shall be preceded by statewide public notice and public hearings starting at least one year prior to the decision to implement such change.

(3) Allocation and reallocation among landowners of areas to be harvested under this section shall be coordinated under the provisions of this section and, prior to final allocation, provision shall be made for full public disclosure and provision made for a public comment period the same as stipulated in Paragraph (c) of this section.

(4) Failure to observe harvest restrictions as determined in (1) and (2) above shall result in State enforced denial of access to roads, bridges, factories or other facilities constructed in conjunction with this section for the transport or processing of timber.

(5) Timber harvesting in excess of the allocations provided for under this section shall be penalized by compensation to the State of Alaska for double the rail head or factory value of the excess timber. Should any disputes or violations among any parties arising from allocations or reallocations, or any other cause which involves provisions of a State FMA or the use of the roads, bridges, etc. listed in (1) above, result in claims for compensation being decided against the State of Alaska; said claims shall not be compensated through the harvest of additional acres of trees above the limits set in (1) above.



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April 20, 1994

Hon. William K. Williams
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House Resources Committee
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Re: SB 310

Dear Chairman Williams:

Today, TCC conducted a teleconference with the member villages affected by pending SB 310. After reviewing the current status of the bill, the villages remain opposed to passage of SB 310. The villages recommend that the bill be held over the interim to allow education and consensus building within the Interior on the scope and direction of forest product development. It is fairly evident that both supporters and opposition to the bill have mutually engaged in rampant disinformation regarding the planned development of the forests. In the current political environment, passage of the bill will only serve to further polarize the Interior public opinion and foment further conflict. The result is a repeat of the Southeast Alaska experience of logging by litigation.

As you know, we continue to believe that absent a meaningful value added processing requirement, the bill fails to provide economic benefit for the Interior communities. Sen Frank indicated yesterday that he continues to have substantial legal concerns over the ability of the State to enact a meaningful value added requirement. We have proposed language that would allow such requirements contingent upon the Congress enacting legislation authorizing the State impose a value added requirement. This may

be putting the cart before the horse. Delaying consideration of the bill until next year would allow time for the state to seek the necessary federal legislation.

Consequently, TCC's position regarding SB 310 remains unchanged, and we would urge the committee to refer the matter to a subcommittee for the interim.

Sincerely,
TANANA CHIEFS CONFERENCE, INC.



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COMMENTS ON

CSSB 310 (RES) FOREST MANAGEMENT AGREEMENTS

[April 5, 1994]

The Tanana Chiefs Conference cannot support the passage of SB 310 in its current form. The original bill was flawed from public process, environmental and industry perspectives. It undermined established public input and planning processes; employed questionable environmental standards; and failed to address the needs of the industry. The bill as reported out of the Senate Resources Committee reinstated public input and planning processes, and strengthen the environmental standards necessary to protect subsistence, but failed to address the needs of the industry needed to promote sustained economic development of a forest products industry in Interior Alaska. If the bill merely promotes the harvest and export of round timber without support for the development of value added processing and coordinated forest industry management, it will add nothing to the Interior forest products industry and further the economic control of Alaskan natural resources by outside interests.

VALUE ADDED PROCESSING

The bill's prime sponser rightfully asserts that the current Interior industry practice of cutting trees for round log export merely harvests the investment principal contained in our forest. True economic development will only occur with the introduction of timber processing into the Interior, such as the development of particle board, pelletizing or similar plants. to process our natural resources. Unfortunately, this bill does not address these concerns. While the prime sponser has expressed strong support for value added processing, he has expressed equally strong concerns over the legality of such requirements. Rather than avoid the issue, however, the legislature should seek to resolve the underlying problem.

The controversy focuses upon the US Supreme Court decision in *South-central Timber Dev. v Wunicke*, 467 US 82 (1984), which