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Statement of the Alaska Sportsmen's Council regarding export of round logs from Alaska.

The Alaska Sportsmen's Council, a statewide conservation organization, organized in 1954, became a member of the National Wildlife Federation in 1955. The Sportsmen's Council has a vital interest in the management of all resources in the State of Alaska. We have adopted a policy of adherence to the multiple use concept of resource management. We also have adopted a broad policy in regards to use of Alaska's resources. It is our belief that the resources of Alaska should be manufactured to the utmost degree prior to export from Alaska in order to render a maximum benefit to all of the people of Alaska.

A number of organizations now affiliated with the Sportsmen's Council opposed a similar proposal to export round logs from Alaska during the earlier stages of World War 2. It was our feeling at that time that Alaska's resources are vital to the people of Alaska and to the development of Alaska and timber resources being one of our major resources and if the Forest Service policy was changed to allow the export of round logs, that Alaska would suffer materially and certainly particularly at a time when we are striving to get industry in Alaska. Fortunately the Forest Service policy was maintained and we now have two large pulp operations in Alaska. We have had an expanding sawmill industry that is a user of the forest products coming to Alaska. All of these would not have been possible had the proponents of round log export prevailed.

It is our hope and desire that the Forest Service policy prohibiting any export of round logs or timber from Alaska can be maintained in the public interest, particularly in the interest of the State of Alaska and its people. We would sincerely request that the committee not accept this proposal or any proposal which would jeopardize the economy of the State of Alaska at this time.

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