

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA

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A RESOLUTION URGING AN EARLY DECISION IN SIERRA CLUB VS. HARDIN, REAFFIRMING THE POSITION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH IN THE MATTER OF THE MULTI-DEVELOPMENT OF THE TONGASS NATIONAL FOREST, AND URGING IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE FOREST SERVICE AND U.S. PLYWOOD-CHAMPION PAPERS, INC.

WHEREAS, the renewable timber resource of the Tongass National Forest is a substantial asset to the nation if utilized, but will continue to deteriorate if allowed to remain unutilized; and

WHEREAS, the utilization of the timber which under proper management can be a renewable resource to benefit the State in generating revenues and to the nation by providing exports which will help the balance of trade; and

WHEREAS, the economy of the City and Borough of Juneau will suffer a devastating blow as a result of the approval of the voters of an initiative to move the capital unless diversification of its economy is implemented at the earliest possible time; and

WHEREAS, the U. S. Forest Service, prior to and during negotiations leading to a contract with U. S. Plywood-Champion Papers, Inc., considered the advantages of multi-use development in the Tongass National Forest and methods of negating overall adverse environmental impact of such development; and

WHEREAS, continued delays and reviews of the development can make it economically unfeasible to proceed regardless of the merits;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA:

1. That the court is urged to render a decision in Sierra Club vs. Hardin as quickly as possible.

2. That the City and Borough of Juneau reaffirms its support of the position asserted by the Department of Agriculture, U. S. Forest Service, U. S. Plywood-Champion Papers, Inc. and the State of Alaska that the questioned timber sale is in compliance with applicable law.

3. That implementation of the contract under the concept of controlled timber harvesting can and will preserve all values of the forest for the overall

benefit of the people of the area, the state and the nation, and will promote the economic welfare of the City and Borough of Juneau, the State of Alaska and the United States.

Adopted this 19th day of September, 1974.



Mayor

Attest:



Clerk