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COLLEGE OF THE ATLANTIC WOOD AND PAPER PRODUCTS PROCUREMENT POLICY

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76 countries have already lost all of their old growth forests. Eleven more countries are on the verge of losing their old growth forests.

Outside of the world's cold boreal regions, 75% of the world's old growth forests are threatened.

Whereas, old growth forests and tropical forest have important ecological values, as well as an existence value

Whereas, native forests everywhere are being converted into mono-cultural plantations; for example, the Southern U.S. is losing its native hardwood forests to pine plantations, and old growth forests in Chile are being converted into eucalyptus plantations. Engineered wood products, like chipboard or OSB, accelerate clearcutting, plantation conversion, and native forest loss. Timber companies are also experimenting with genetically engineered trees, which endanger all native forests

Whereas, a coalition of environmental and community groups have agreed to the following for companies to meet

No wood products from old growth forests

- No wood products from U.S. public lands
- No new conversion of natural forests to plantations
- No purchase of oriented strand board (OSB) from virgin tree material
- No genetically engineered trees

Whereas, most the larger retail chains of wood and the top three home builders in this country have agreed to stop buying/using wood from endangered forests by 2002. As a result, a plentiful supply of wood that can be verified as not coming from endangered forest will soon become available.

Whereas, on-going mapping and monitoring work by will provide these companies and other interested parties with detailed maps showing the location of endangered forests throughout the world. Global Forest Watch, an initiative of World Resource Institute (WRI), is creating the first worldwide monitoring network that tracks threats to forests using satellite imagery and computers to gather the data and to map it out.

Whereas, the Certified Forest Products Council is a business association supported by environmentalists that certifies forest certification programs in an effort to unify independent certification efforts.

Whereas, College of the Atlantic recognizes that in the next few years new technology will bring down the price of tree-free and recycled paper, as well as provide for a wide variety of new options such as old-growth free and chain of custody tracking of all wood and paper products.

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assure that the policy is in line with current scientific knowledge on forest management. Community input will be sought from Social Environmental Action and other avenues.

PROPOSAL PART II: PAPER PROCUREMENT

Resolved, College of the Atlantic shall purchase paper that meets as many of the following criteria as possible, with the spirit of this policy insisting on meeting all of the following qualifications:

1) The paper contains 50% or greater post consumer recycled content. Over the next three years, COA shall meet the following goals so that at the end of 2004, COA shall use 100% Post Consumer Recycled or Tree Free Paper.

1a) For fiscal year 2001-2002 - 50% dollar value of total paper purchases contain 100% post consumer recycled or tree free content.

1b) For fiscal year 2002-2003 - 75% dollar value of total paper purchases contain 100% post consumer recycled or tree free content.

1c) For fiscal year 2003-2004 - 100% dollar value of total paper purchases contain 100% post consumer recycled or tree free content.

2) The supplier certifies in writing that any virgin fiber in the paper is not originating from old growth forests.

3) Is certified as Totally Chlorine Free (TCF) or, if not available, Elemental Chlorine Free (ECF)

4) The supplier certifies in writing that the paper only contains virgin fiber from a forestry operation that is certified as sustainable. The certifying organization must be an independent, non-profit, non-government certification organization accredited by the Certified Forest Products Council, such as the Forest Stewardship Council. The products provided must meet or beat these standards.

(Note: If this qualification is met, then so is #2 as long as the organization is accredited by the Certified Forest Products Council)

NOTE: 100% post consumer recycled paper or a tree-free alternative would be the best way to meet all the aforementioned criteria.

Resolved, College of the Atlantic shall inform all staff and faculty that copies and printouts are double-sided; in order to save 50% paper use. Students shall be asked to do so as well and if no noticeable improvement (no drop in paper consumption on campus) is made by Winter 2002, the College shall examine the use of a per sheet of fee system for printers in order to discourage excess copying and/or to purchasing even more environmental friendly paper products.

Resolved, Staff of the College shall immediately begin to identify any photocopiers and printers that are not capable of double-siding or having difficulty using the high content recycled paper and report such machines to the schools purchasing agent. By 2004, COA will have replaced all equipment which does not double side.

Resolved, College of the Atlantic shall meet as many of the above criteria as possible. If a source that meets all of the required criteria is not currently available at a quality suitable for copy machines and printers (even after updating the equipment); at no time shall the College purchase paper that contains less than 30% post consumer recycled content.

Resolved, College of the Atlantic shall explore the use of alternative tree-free paper products