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MAJORITY OF BC RESIDENTS WANT EXPORT LOGS REDUCED

Vancouver, BC – A new NRG Nordic Research Group poll shows that a majority (63%) of British Columbians want a reduction in the number of export logs. The issue has surfaced periodically during the recent provincial election.

The controversy is over the export of unprocessed timber to foreign markets, such as Japan, China, and the United States. Those opposed to such exports say that it represents a loss of jobs for BC since the processing work – cutting the fallen trees into lumber or wood products – takes place in foreign countries. Those favoring log exports say that such exports are good for the economy since they create jobs and yield a higher return on BC's forest resources.

Respondents were asked which of the following statements is closest to their own point of view:

(1) Export of raw logs should be reduced or even stopped. Because Export logs are not cut into lumber or processed here in BC mills they do not create enough BC jobs.

Or

(2) Export logs are good for BC's economy – providing thousands of jobs. The logs are first offered to local BC lumber mills for processing - then offered for sale to foreign lumber mills – it is a good use of BC's forest resources.

"Awareness for the issue is high," said Dr. Adam Di Paula, Senior Vice President of NRG Nordic Research Group. "80% of British Columbians said they are aware of the log export issue. Provincially, 63% of BC residents are opposed while 33% support the export of unprocessed timber."

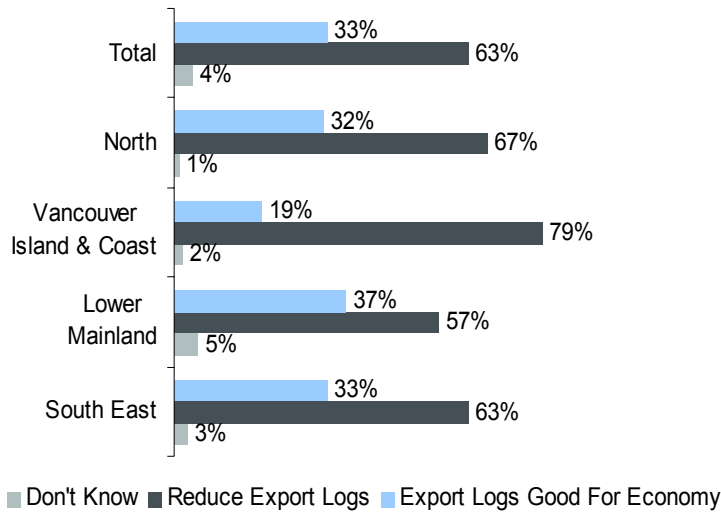
"Regionally, opposition to the exporting of logs is strongest in the Vancouver Island and Coastal regions while support for exports is highest in the Lower Mainland," said Dr. Di Paula.

About the survey

601 randomly selected BC residents, proportionate to the province's population,

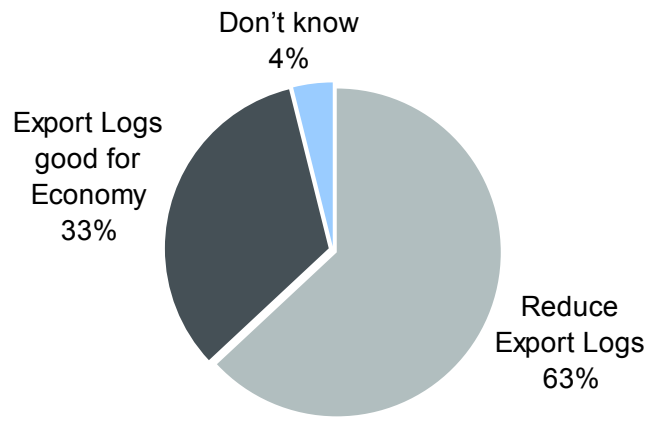
were interviewed on the issue. This study was part of NRG Nordic Research Group's monthly omnibus – **Ask BC**. Results are reported at a 95% confidence level, with a margin of error of +/- 3.5%, 19 times out of 20, of what they would have been had the entire BC adult population been polled. The study was done from May 8 to May 11, 2005.

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