Japanese log ship arrives to transport Yakutat, Afognak timber

A log ship recently arrived from Japan to pick up about 3 million board feet of logs harvested from Yakutat and Afognak Island, according to officials of KONCOR Forest Resource Management Co. of Kodiak.

KONCOR has operations in both locations and both produced and sold

the logs.

The majority of the timber came from Afognak Island and was shipped in the form of round logs. Production on Afognak is expected to reach 14 to 15 million board feet this year.

The operation at Yakutat is anticipated to exceed 20 million board

feet.

To transport the logs on Afognak to the log cargo ships, two large barges were recently purchased. The round logs are loaded on the barges and towed to the cargo ship by a tug. The logs are never put into the water.

Officials said this is the only operation of its type in Alaska and that it

is environmentally sound.