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There should be an option for a wood seller to sell fresh cut wood when labeled as such. I prefer to buy green wood and split it to my specification, then stack it on my property, properly covered, two to three years in advance of use (seasoned at least two summers). This allows me to split the wood to smaller size for better burn in my stove (and better drying). It allows me a cheaper alternative for wood purchase since I can dry it myself and avoid the extra cost of the wood seller splitting and drying it for me, involving much more labor in handling. Labor is the greatest expense in wood heat management. I consider the regulation too restrictive.

The main purpose for burning wood is to save expensive oil which must be imported to Fairbanks. Requiring more expensive purchase of already split and dried wood makes a presumption that I dont know what I am doing with wood and therefore require the government to regulate it. It will simply promote an underground network of wood sellers and wood burners.

There should be an option that allows me and a seller to knowledgeably manage fresh wood. I have my own moisture meter if you want to require me to show proof of dryness each year. /s/ Victor Bell, North Pole