

Koryazhma are even worse: 92,000 and 44,000 tonnes respectively. The papermakers can hardly expect to be thanked by the townsfolk for this type of activity.

More figures on pollution were cited at the board meeting. It was reported that enterprises of the USSR Ministry of the Timber Industry are dumping 773,000,000 cubic metres of effluents into the lakes and rivers of the Oblast' every year. Not only does this amount to 96 per cent of the total. Some 80 per cent of them are polluted. No matter what they say about the purification plants being unfinished, this is no excuse for those managers who, in their eagerness to come up with a plan, simply forgot about nature conservation. For it is their fault that today, the rivers Puksa, Kodina and Voloshka have become virtual gutters.

The effect of all this is to disrupt implementation of the resolutions "Measures for Strengthening the Protection of the Seas, Rivers And Other Water Bodies in the Arctic Basin Against Pollution" (Central Committee of the CPSU and the Council of Ministers of the USSR) and "The Cessation of Loose Floating on the Rivers And Other Water Bodies of the RSFSR" (Council of Ministers of the RSFSR).

Concrete proposals for correcting the situation that has arisen were set out in a decision of the Collegium of the RSFSR State Committee on Nature Conservation.

The management of "Arkhangel'sklesprom" received the following warning: 'Disruption of the time frames set by government resolutions calling for an end to pollution of the water reservoirs and air space, and any contravention of the environmental