

**FOLDER NO.**

**410.163**

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STYLE AND DRAFTING

Constitutional Convention  
Committee Proposal 17a  
Style & Drafting/Article IV  
February 2, 1956

ALASKA CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

RESOLVED, that the following be agreed upon as part of  
the schedule appended to the Alaska State  
Constitution:

ARTICLE XIV

SCHEDULE

Ordinance to  
Abolish Fish  
Traps

1 Section 26. Each elector who offers to vote  
2 upon the ratification of the constitution may,  
3 upon the same ballot, vote on a third proposition,  
4 which shall be as follows:  
5 "Shall Ordinance Number Three of the  
6 Alaska Constitutional Convention, pro-  
7 hibiting the use of fish traps for the   
8 taking of salmon for commercial purposes   
9 in the coastal waters of the State, be   
10 adopted?"   
11 If the constitution shall be adopted by the electors  
12 and if a majority of all the votes cast for and  
13 against this ordinance favor its adoption, then the  
14 following shall become operative upon the effective  
15 date of the constitution:

1            "As a matter of immediate public necessity,  
2            to relieve economic distress among individual  
3            fishermen and those dependent upon them for a  
4            livelihood, to conserve the rapidly dwindling  
5            supply of salmon in Alaska, to insure fair  
6            competition among those engaged in commercial  
7            fishing, and to make manifest the will of the  
8            people of Alaska, the use of fish traps for  
9            the taking of salmon for commercial purposes  
10           is hereby prohibited in all the coastal waters  
11           of the State."

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Constitutional Convention  
Committee Proposal/17/a/Enrolled  
January 31, 1956

Alaska Constitutional Convention

COMMITTEE PROPOSAL NO. 17/a

Introduced by Committee on Ordinances and Transitional Measures

RESOLVED, that the following be agreed upon as part  
of the Alaska State Constitution:

SCHEDULE

\* \* \* \* \*

State  
Capital

1 Section 2. The capital of the State of Alaska  
2 shall be at Juneau.

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Ordinance to  
Abolish  
Fish Traps

3 Section 24. If this constitution shall be  
4 accepted by the electors and a majority of all the  
5 votes cast for and against the ordinance to abolish  
6 fish traps shall be cast for adoption of the ordinance,  
7 then the following shall become operative upon the  
8 effective date of this constitution:

9 "As a matter of immediate public necessity,  
10 to relieve economic distress among individual  
11 fishermen and those dependent upon them for a  
12 livelihood, to conserve the rapidly dwindling  
13 supply of salmon in Alaska, to ensure fair  
14 competition among those engaged in commercial

1 fishing, and to make manifest the will of the  
2 people of Alaska, the use of fish traps for the  
3 taking of salmon for commercial purposes is  
4 hereby prohibited in all the coastal waters of  
5 the State."

Questions  
Returns

6 Section 25. Each qualified voter who offers to  
7 vote upon this Constitution shall be given a ballot  
8 by the election judges which in substance shall  
9 contain the following proposition:

10 Shall the ordinance prohibiting  
11 the use of fish traps for the  
12 taking of salmon for commercial  
13 purposes be adopted?

YES

NO

Constitutional Convention  
Committee Proposal/17/a  
January 24, 1956

Alaska Constitutional Convention

COMMITTEE PROPOSAL NO. 17/a

Introduced by Committee on Ordinances and Transitional Measures

RESOLVED, that the following be agreed upon as part of  
the Alaska State Constitution:

SCHEDULE

\* \* \* \* \*

State  
Capital

1 Section 2. The capital of the State of Alaska  
2 shall be at Juneau.

\* \* \* \* \*

Ordinance  
to Abolish  
Fish Traps

3 Section 20. If this constitution shall be accepted  
4 by the electors and a majority of all the votes cast for  
5 and against the ordinance to abolish fish traps shall  
6 be cast for adoption of the ordinance, then the follow-  
7 ing section shall become effective:

8 "As a matter of immediate public necessity, to  
9 relieve economic distress among individual fishermen  
10 and those dependent upon them for a livelihood, to  
11 conserve the rapidly dwindling supply of salmon in  
12 in the public domain of Alaska, to ensure fair  
13 competition among those engaged in commercial fish-  
14 ing, and to make manifest the will of the people of

1 Alaska pending the establishment of the first  
2 state legislature, the use of fish traps for  
3 the taking of salmon for commercial purposes  
4 is hereby prohibited in all the waters of the  
5 State until otherwise provided by law. Viola-  
6 tions of this section shall be punishable by a  
7 fine not to exceed \$5,000.00 and by confiscation  
8 of the fish traps. The police power of the  
9 State shall be used to the extent necessary to  
10 enforce this section."

Questions  
Returns

11 Section 21. Each qualified voter who offers to  
12 vote upon this Constitution shall be given a ballot  
13 by the election judges which in substance shall con-  
14 tain the following proposition:

15 FOR ORDINANCE ABOLISHING FISH TRAPS

16 AGAINST ORDINANCE ABOLISHING FISH TRAPS

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