

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 3

Relating to protection by international law of the Dungeness and Alaska King crab.**Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Alaska:**

WHEREAS the Convention on the Continental Shelf, adopted by the United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea at Geneva, Switzerland, in 1958, signed and ratified by the United States, provided for the exercise by a coastal state of sovereign rights in the exploitation of certain natural resources of the continental shelf; and

WHEREAS the Dungeness and Alaska King crabs, being "unable to move except in constant contact with the sea-bed," may fall within the definition of natural resources of the continental shelf found in paragraph 4 of Article 2 of the Convention, and, therefore, may be exploited by the coastal state alone; and

WHEREAS these crabs are valuable resources of the state and the United States, the exploitation of which must be carefully controlled to avoid waste and depredation; and

WHEREAS, although the rights of the coastal state are not dependent upon occupation or proclamation, yet a firm definition of these crabs as resources of the continental shelf would do much to clarify the present situation regarding the taking of them;

BE IT RESOLVED that the United States at once make a clear and public determination of the status of the Dungeness and Alaska King crab as natural resources of the continental shelf, and that it publicly indicate its adherence to and intention to insist upon the observance of the provisions of the Convention on the Continental Shelf; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to the Honorable John F. Kennedy, President of the United States; the Honorable Stewart L. Udall, Secretary of the Interior; the Honorable Dean Rusk, Secretary of State; the Honorable Clarence F. Pautzke, Commissioner of Fish and Wildlife, Department of the Interior; and to the members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

Passed by the Senate February 5, 1963.

Passed by the House February 18, 1963.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 4

Relating to the transfer of land in the Pribilofs to the Russian Orthodox Church.**Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Alaska:**

WHEREAS the United States now holds title to certain cemeteries and church property in the Pribilof Islands, which are being used by and should properly belong to the Russian Orthodox Church; and

WHEREAS the conveyance of these lands to the Russian Orthodox Church would materially stabilize its position on the islands and thereby enable it to perform its many functions better; and

WHEREAS the Fish and Wildlife Service, which exercises jurisdiction over these lands in the Pribilofs, has agreed to convey the lands and has surveyed them

for this purpose; and

WHEREAS the Bureau of Land Management, which holds title to these lands, will not accept the survey made by the Fish and Wildlife Service, and has thus thwarted this desirable transfer;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Interior be urged to instruct the Bureau of Land Management to accept the survey and convey the land forthwith, or, in the alternative, to immediately make its own survey and to convey the lands to the Russian Orthodox Church without delay; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to the Honorable Stewart L. Udall, Secretary of the Interior; the Honorable Karl S. Landstrom, Director of the Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; the Honorable Clarence F. Pautzke, Commissioner of

Fish and Wildlife, Department of the Interior; and to the members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

Passed by the Senate February 12, 1963.
Passed by the House February 22, 1963.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 6

Relating to the production of fish flour.

Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Alaska:

WHEREAS a National Academy of Sciences panel has recently reported that a wholesome, safe, and nutritious product for human consumption, often referred to as fish flour, can be made from whole fish; and

WHEREAS fish flour is a rich source of protein which could be a valuable supplement to the diet of many people here and abroad, and a cheap and practical method for the manufacture of fish flour has been developed; and

WHEREAS foreign fishing interests are currently exploiting fish resources in the waters off the coast of Alaska which could

be used for the production of fish flour in the United States;

BE IT RESOLVED that the United States is urged to proceed as expeditiously as possible with the research necessary to establish conclusively that fish flour is a valuable protein source for humans; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to the Honorable John F. Kennedy, President of the United States; the Honorable Luther Hodges, Secretary of Commerce; the Honorable Stewart L. Udall, Secretary of the Interior; the Honorable Dean Rusk, Secretary of State; and the members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

Passed by the Senate February 26, 1963.
Passed by the House March 2, 1963.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 9

Relating to the creation of a Department of Fisheries and Oceanography.

Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Alaska:

WHEREAS the fisheries of the United States occupy an ever increasing importance to the general well-being of the nation; and

WHEREAS the power of states to adequately protect and enhance the value of fisheries is clearly limited by the nature of our constitutional system; and

WHEREAS foreign nationals have created competitive pressures which may only be met on a national scale; and

WHEREAS the past lack of interest of federal authorities in fisheries problems has resulted in a drop of American fisheries production from second to fifth in the world market, and a complete lack of aid

and protection for American fishermen; and

WHEREAS fisheries provide a source of livelihood for hundreds of thousands of American citizens deserving of constant federal attention to the maintenance and improvement of the industry; and

WHEREAS a cabinet level Department of Fisheries and Oceanography containing a research and management section, an economic development section, and an international section is necessary to deal with the scope and magnitude of the problems involved; and

WHEREAS Governor William A. Egan has already requested the President of the United States to make every effort toward establishing such a cabinet position;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the State of Alaska joins with Gover-