

1 IN THE HOUSE

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2 HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 13.

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE TERRITORY OF ALASKA

4 TWENTY-FIRST SESSION

5 TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES; TO THE CONGRESS OF THE  
6 UNITED STATES; TO THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR; AND TO THE  
7 DELEGATE FROM ALASKA:

8 Your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of  
9 Alaska, in Twenty-first Session assembled, respectfully  
10 represents:

11 WHEREAS, sport fishing in the Territory of Alaska for  
12 grayling, trout, salmon and other species of fish constitutes  
13 a valuable recreation for the residents of the Territory; and

14 WHEREAS, sport fishing is an important recreational  
15 attraction for visitors and tourists; and

16 WHEREAS, these species of sport fish are already showing  
17 signs of depletion in waters adjacent to centers of population  
18 and along the main highways; and

19 WHEREAS, the 1949 session of the Territorial Legislature  
20 created an Alaska Fisheries Board and an Alaska Department of  
21 Fisheries; and

22 WHEREAS, the Alaska Fisheries Board recognized the  
23 necessity for restoration and proper management of these  
24 depleted waters by setting up within the Alaska Department of  
25 Fisheries a Sport Fish Division; and

26 WHEREAS, this Sport Fish Division is staffed with well  
27 trained and experienced sport fish biologists, who have been  
28 occupied in restoration and related projects for the past two  
29 years; and

1        WHEREAS, under the present Federal Aid in Fish Restoration  
2 Act (64 Stat. 430), commonly known as the Dingell-Johnson Act,  
3 funds allotted to Alaska are not given to the Territory but to  
4 a federal agency; and

5        WHEREAS, in the case of the other territories and posses-  
6 sions (Hawaii, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands) these funds  
7 are given to the local agencies,

8        NOW THEREFORE, your Memorialist, the Legislature of the  
9 Territory of Alaska in Twenty-first Session assembled, respect-  
10 fully urges that the Congress of the United States amend the  
11 Federal Aid to Fish Restoration Act (64 Stat. 430) to authorize  
12 the Secretary of the Department of the Interior to cooperate  
13 with the Alaska Department of Fisheries by allotting Alaska's  
14 share of the funds for the conduct of fish restoration to the  
15 Alaska Department of Fisheries.

16        AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

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