

1 IN THE HOUSE

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HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 20

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE TERRITORY OF ALASKA

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TWENTY-FIRST SESSION

5 TO THE HONORABLE DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED

6 STATES; THE HONORABLE DOUGLAS MCKAY, SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR;

7 THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF

8 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES; THE

9 HONORABLE E. L. BARTLETT, DELEGATE TO CONGRESS FROM ALASKA; AND

10 TO THE DIRECTOR OF THE FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE:

11 Your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of
12 Alaska, in twenty-first session assembled, respectfully represents
13 that:

14 WHEREAS, preceded by liberal discussion and wide
15 dissemination of all relevant information, the people of Alaska
16 in a referendum on October 12, 1948, voted by the overwhelming
17 majority of 19,712 to 2,624 to abolish fish traps from Territorial
18 waters; and

19 WHEREAS, fish traps have been abolished from all coastal
20 waters of the Province of British Columbia and the States of
21 Washington, Oregon and California; and

22 WHEREAS, salmon fisheries of Alaska, particularly in the
23 areas where fish traps are common, have been depleted to an
24 alarming and dangerous extent, while the fisheries of British
25 Columbia and the Pacific coastal states have continually improved
26 in recent years; and

27 WHEREAS, this twenty-first Legislative Session of the
28 Territory of Alaska has respectfully prayed in a most recent
29 memorial that the control of Alaska fisheries be immediately

1 transferred to the Territory of Alaska, this mandate voiced by
2 the electorate of Alaska in a referendum on October 14, 1952, by
3 a majority of 20,544 to 5,479 reflecting the earnest desire of
4 Alaskans that our great fishing industry might yet be salvaged
5 under the guidance and control of Alaskan fishermen familiar
6 with the natural science resource and all relevant conservation
7 processes;

8 NOW THEREFORE, your Memorialist, the Legislature of the
9 Territory of Alaska, respectfully prays that the Congress of the
10 United States, at its present Session, enact suitable legislation
11 providing for the immediate abolition of fish traps from the
12 waters of the Territory of Alaska.

13 AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

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