

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY COMMITTEE ON FISHERIES,
FISH AND GAME

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HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 42.

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE TERRITORY OF ALASKA

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TWENTY-FIRST SESSION

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TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES; TO THE CONGRESS OF THE

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UNITED STATES; AND TO THE DELEGATE TO CONGRESS FROM ALASKA:

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Your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of

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Alaska, in Twenty-first Session assembled, respectfully

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represents that:

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WHEREAS, the annual Alaska salmon pack has decreased from

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8,400,000 cases in 1936 to less than 3,300,000 cases in 1952;

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WHEREAS, during the past six years in Cook Inlet the average

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catch per man has decreased over fifty percent while the number

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of fishermen and gear has increased four hundred percent,

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causing a restriction of fishing time to two days per week; and

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WHEREAS, the cost of living and all taxes have increased

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during this period, making it impossible for a resident

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fisherman to make a living; and

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WHEREAS, the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service has no

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solution to this desperate situation and the economy of Alaska

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is threatened by similar situations over the Territory;

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NOW THEREFORE, Your Memorialist, respectfully prays that

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commercial salmon fishing in Cook Inlet be restricted to

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residents of Alaska until such time as non-restriction would

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not impair the livelihood of resident fishermen or until control

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of Alaska's fisheries is transferred to Alaska.

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AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

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