

1. IN THE SENATE

BY SENATOR ENGSTROM

2. SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 13

3. IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE TERRITORY OF ALASKA

4. TWENTY-FIRST SESSION

5. TO THE HONORABLE JOHN FOSTER DULLES, SECRETARY OF STATE:

6. Your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska,
7. in Twenty-First Session assembled, respectfully submits that:

8. WHEREAS, it now appears that the proposed "International
9. Convention for the High Seas Fisheries of the North Pacific
10. Ocean" will be ratified by the three contracting parties --
11. Japan, Canada and the United States --, and

12. WHEREAS, said proposed Convention in its preamble states
13. its objectives to be:

14. (1) to ensure the maximum sustained productivity of the
15. fishery resources of the North Pacific Ocean, and

16. (2) to encourage the conservation of such resources;

17. and proposes that said objectives be furthered by (1) the estab-
18. lishment of an international commission (to be known as the
19. North Pacific Fisheries Commission), representing the Parties to
20. the Convention, to promote and coordinate the scientific studies
21. necessary to ascertain the conservation measures required to
22. secure the maximum sustained productivity of fisheries of joint
23. interest to the contracting parties and to recommend such measures
24. to such parties, and (2) each Party's carrying out such conserva-
25. tion recommendations and providing for necessary restraints on
26. its own nationals and fishing vessels; and

27. WHEREAS, said Convention, in Article II thereof, proposes
28. membership on said Commission of not more than four representa-
29. tives of each of the contracting member governments; and

1 WHEREAS, in addition to such representation on said
2 Commission, Article II further authorized the appointment of an
3 advisory committee for each national section of the Commission;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, the proposed "Convention area" covers all waters
6 of the North Pacific Ocean and adjacent seas, other than terri-
7 torial waters; and

8 WHEREAS, the broad functions proposed for performance by
9 the Commission, covering the fisheries of the aforementioned
10 extensive "Convention area", will be of immediate and direct
11 importance to Alaska, whose territorial waters embrace the
12 world's greatest salmon fishery as well as other fisheries of
13 world-wide importance; and

14 WHEREAS, under the provisions of the Annex and Protocol
15 attached to said proposed Convention, the "Convention area" as
16 concerns the salmon fishery has been defined on a provisional
17 basis only, which definition will be subject to revision by the
18 Commission once the Convention has been formally adopted and
19 made operative; and

20 WHEREAS, notwithstanding Alaska's prominent place in world
21 fisheries, no Alaskan has heretofore been named to membership
22 on the present International Fisheries Commission which exerts
23 direct effect on Alaska's economy and on one of its major
24 renewable resources; and

25 WHEREAS, the proposed North Pacific Fisheries Commission
26 will be equally important to Alaska, and will exercise an
27 equally vital role in the protection and propagation of Alaskan
28 fisheries; and

29 WHEREAS, Alaska is one of the major spawning grounds for

1 the North Pacific salmon fishery and the principal situs of many
2 large commercial fisheries operation, by virtue of which
3 Alaskans are keenly aware of the need for realistic protective
4 measures for the fisheries; and

5 WHEREAS, protection and conservation of the Alaska
6 fisheries will have direct bearing on Alaska's future as a
7 State of the Union, on attainment of which Alaska will have the
8 same jurisdiction over its coastal waters as is enjoyed by other
9 States of the Union:

10 NOW THEREFORE, your Memorialist, the Legislature of the
11 Territory of Alaska, hereby declares that Alaska is, on every
12 consideration of logic and equity, entitled to representation
13 on the American delegation to the North Pacific Fisheries
14 Commission; and it hereby respectfully urges that such represen-
15 tation be provided from the outset, both on the Commission itself
16 and on the Advisory Committee subordinate thereto, when said
17 bodies are appointed.

18 AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

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