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1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 8

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE TERRITORY OF ALASKA

4 TWENTY-SECOND SESSION

5 TO THE HONORABLE DOUGLAS MCKAY, SECRETARY OF THE
6 INTERIOR AND TO THE DIRECTOR OF THE FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE:

7 Your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of
8 Alaska, in Twenty-second regular session assembled, respect-
9 fully submits that:

10 WHEREAS, the people of Alaska have often voiced their
11 opposition through referenda, memorials and otherwise to the
12 continuation of salmon traps in Alaska, and have repeatedly
13 urged the Congress to enact legislation to abolish such traps;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, in Southeastern Alaska, where salmon traps
16 take the major portion of the catch, depletion of the fishery
17 had become so pronounced that the Fish and Wildlife Service in
18 1954 instituted remedial conservation measures; and

19 WHEREAS, it appears that these remedial measures, in-
20 cluding the temporary elimination of approximately one-half of such traps
21 in Southeastern Alaska, have had beneficial results; and

22 WHEREAS, the reinstatement of such eliminated traps
23 is planned for 1956, and

24 WHEREAS, such reinstatement would defeat gains real-
25 ized from said two year closure period; and

26 WHEREAS, it appears that resumption of full-scale
27 trap fishing will delay or prevent restoration of the South-
28 eastern Alaska salmon fishery;

29 NOW THEREFORE, your Memorialist, the Legislature of

1 the Territory of Alaska, hereby urges that the Secretary of the
2 Interior recognize and follow the wishes of Alaskans by pro-
3 mulgating regulations in 1956 to give continuing effect to
4 present trap curtailment in Southeastern Alaska, with a view
5 to their further and total reduction in subsequent years, thereby
6 improving the fishery and the economy of Alaska.

7 AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

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