

1 IN THE SENATE

BY SENATORS EGAN,
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2 SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 16

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE TERRITORY OF ALASKA

4 TWENTY-SECOND SESSION

5 TO THE HONORABLE DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED
6 STATES; TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE
7 OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED STATES; TO THE HONORABLE E. L.
8 BARTLETT, DELEGATE TO CONGRESS FROM ALASKA; TO THE HONORABLE
9 DOUGLAS MCKAY, SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR; AND TO JAMES FARLEY,
10 DIRECTOR OF THE U. S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE:

11 Your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska,
12 in Twenty-second regular session assembled, respectfully repre-
13 sents that:

14 WHEREAS, the people of Alaska in a free expression of opinion
15 at their general election on October 12, 1948, did by the unpre-
16 cedented majority of 19,712 to 2,624 vote to abolish fish traps
17 from the waters of this Territory; and

18 WHEREAS, in the months prior to the time this overwhelming
19 expression of dissatisfaction with fish traps was registered at
20 the polls, the people of Alaska had engaged in a full and com-
21 plete debate on the subject; and

22 WHEREAS, the elimination of fish traps in the Province of
23 British Columbia and from all coastal waters of the Pacific Coast
24 except in Alaska, has resulted in an ever increasing stabiliza-
25 tion of the fisheries resource in British Columbia and on the
26 Pacific Coast; and

27 WHEREAS, the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service has, over the
28 past two years, instituted a stringently regulated salmon conser-
29 vation program throughout the salmon fisheries areas of Alaska; and

1 WHEREAS, the taking of salmon for commercial uses has, in
2 some areas, been completely disallowed in an attempt to conserve
3 the valuable fisheries resource; and

4 WHEREAS, the vast majority of Alaskans, after many decades
5 of first hand experience and study, are convinced that no salmon
6 conservation program can achieve lasting effect unless salmon
7 fish traps are abolished immediately, forever, from Alaskan
8 waters;

9 NOW THEREFORE, your Memorialist, the Legislature of the
10 Territory of Alaska, respectfully urges and requests that imme-
11 diate legislation be enacted abolishing fish traps from the
12 waters of the Territory of Alaska.

13 AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.
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