

1 IN THE SENATE

BY SENATOR LOGAN

2 SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 4

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FIRST LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 TO THE HONORABLE DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED  
6 STATES AND TO EACH AND EVERY MEMBER OF THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED  
7 STATES:

8 Your Memorialist, the Legislature of the State of Alaska in  
9 First Session assembled, respectfully submits that:

10 Throughout the history of Alaska as a Territory, since 1867,  
11 the fisheries have constituted Alaska's most valuable resource.  
12 During this period more than eleven and one half billion  
13 (11,500,000,000) pounds of salmon constituting protein food of  
14 superlative quality has been shipped from Alaska to the rest of  
15 the nation and to the world;

16 But, unfortunately, most of the income from these salmon  
17 fisheries, amounting to over two billion (\$2,000,000,000) dollars  
18 on the wholesale markets, has passed to interests outside Alaska,  
19 and the salmon harvests of Alaska have fallen from their sustained  
20 optimum levels of 6,000,000 cases average and 8,000,000 cases  
21 maximum, from 1926 to 1944, to less than 2,500,000 cases in more  
22 recent years;

23 During this same period, inadequate, indeed negligible,  
24 amounts (less than 1% of the total wholesale income) have been  
25 spent for the conservation and propagation of Alaska's salmon  
26 fisheries which under many years of Federal stewardship have  
27 declined severely and are rapidly approaching extinction, notwith-  
28 standing it is of paramount importance to the maintenance of this  
29 valuable food resource and to the economic well-being of the State

1 of Alaska and the United States that these fisheries be restored  
2 to their maximum productivity as rapidly as possible;

3       THEREFORE, the Legislature of the State of Alaska, in First  
4 Session assembled, asks that the Congress of the United States be  
5 respectfully requested to provide the State of Alaska Department  
6 of Fish and Game with annual funds to be spent for the rehabilita-  
7 tion of Alaska's salmon resources, including such activities as  
8 research, fish laddering and guiding devices, stream clearance  
9 projects, and fish hatching and rearing operations as may be  
10 necessary to restore these resources, and that the funds shall not  
11 be less than five million (\$5,000,000.00) dollars per year and  
12 shall continue for not less than fifteen (15) years or until the  
13 harvest of salmon in Alaska reaches and maintains a sustained  
14 level of six million cases.

15       YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.  
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