

1 IN THE SENATE BY SENATOR PERATROVICH

2 SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 10

8 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FIRST LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 TO THE HONORABLE LYNDON JOHNSON, SENATE MAJORITY LEADER; TO THE
6 HONORABLE WARREN G. MAGNUSON, CHAIRMAN OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE
7 ON INTERSTATE AND FOREIGN COMMERCE AND THE SENATE SUBCOMMITTEE
8 ON MERCHANT MARINE AND FISHERIES; AND TO THE HONORABLE E. L.
9 BARTLETT AND THE HONORABLE ERNEST GRUENING, SENATORS FROM
10 ALASKA:

11 Your Memorialist, the Legislature of the State of Alaska in
12 First Session assembled, respectfully represents:

13 WHEREAS, salmon fishing is a main support of the economy of
14 the citizens of the State of Alaska; and

15 WHEREAS, Japanese nationals are seriously threatening the
16 depletion and destruction of salmon runs in Alaska and more
17 particularly in the Bristol Bay Area by high seas fishing; and

18 WHEREAS, the residents of the Bristol Bay Area, will be
19 deprived of their traditional means of livelihood, without hope
20 of relief since at present no other employment is available with-
21 in the area nor is there a substitute use for the salmon processing
22 plants; and

23 WHEREAS, the Bristol Bay Fishery of Alaska has been closed
24 to commercial fishing for the year 1959; and

25 WHEREAS, Alaskans are the most vitally interested American
26 citizens in this matter and hearings have been held in places
27 where distances make attendance by Alaskans difficult;

28 NOW THEREFORE, Your Memorialist does respectfully request
29 that the United States Senate Subcommittee on Merchant Marine

1 and Fisheries meet with representatives of the Legislature of the
2 State of Alaska and hold public hearings in Juneau, Alaska, to
3 determine or ascertain the effect of high seas fishing upon the
4 salmon runs of Alaskan origin and other related matters, with a
5 view toward developing Federal Legislation or other action as
6 may be appropriate to safeguard the rights and interests of
7 American fishermen.
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