

service if so established will, also, be of vital importance in patrolling the Phribolof (Seal) Islands and facilitate direct communication with officers of the army and other branches of the Federal government.

And your memorialists will ever pray.

Passed the Senate, April 23, 1913.

Passed the House, April 25, 1913.

SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 26.

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled:

Your memorialists, the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Alaska do most respectfully and earnestly represent that

Whereas, the fishing industry of Alaska now in the early stages of development, bids fair to be the greatest industry of its kind in the world, and

Whereas, we believe the waters of Alaska and the fish therein to be the property of the people and the heritage of future generations, and

Whereas, we believe it to be our duty to use every effort toward the protection and conservation of this great natural food supply of the nation, and

Whereas, the history of the fisheries of this nation shows us that the depletion and destruction of migratory fish has been caused by the lack of restriction and regulation of the methods of fishing, and

Whereas, the salmon fishery of this territory is being prosecuted for the purpose of obtaining dividends for the present and without due regard to the conservation of the fish supply for future generations, and

Whereas, we believe that upon the restriction and regulation of the gear and methods of fishing now, depends the future of this great industry.

Therefore, your memorialists earnestly and respectfully petition your honorable body that laws be enacted for the regulation of our salmon fisheries in accordance with the following recommendations:

1. The abolishment of the contrivance known as a jigger in connection with all fishing traps, pound nets or weirs.

2. The limiting of all leads on all fish traps to a length of six hundred feet in entirety.

3. That no fish traps, pound nets or weirs be allowed within a distance of one mile of any salmon stream nor in any bay, estuary, inlet or channel which is less than a mile in width and that traps now established within such limits be removed.

4. That the Fisheries Bureau be instructed and authorized to establish posts or monuments at the mouths of all salmon streams, which shall limit the distance from such streams at which any kind of fishing gear may be used and that such marked limits be established by practical fishermen who are familiar with all the conditions that obtain in localities in which such marked limits are to be established. The term "mouth" of a stream shall be defined to mean the place where the line of mean low tide meets and crosses the trend of the stream.

5. We object generally to the whole bill prepared by and entitled "Tentative draft of bill suggested by the United States Bureau of Fisheries and the Representatives of the various Alaskan Fisheries, which has been agreed upon and prepared by them jointly after numerous conferences," and especially to Section 1 thereof reading: "all of the license fees and taxes derived from Alaska Fisheries shall be covered into the Treasury of the United States and there kept in special fund," on the ground that the Territory of Alaska is entitled to a reasonable proportion of the revenue derived from the fishing industry of the Territory.

6. We further recommend that it shall be made un-

lawful to take any salmon from any fresh water stream by means of a spear or gaff except for personal, domestic or family consumption, and it shall be unlawful to purchase any salmon taken by means of a spear or gaff from a fresh water stream for use in canning, salting or otherwise preserving for sale.

7. That a closed season be established for Southeastern Alaska from September 1st to December 31st of each year as to fishing for any kind of fish above the mouths of any and all streams, and outside the mouths of any and all streams during said closed season for sock-eye and humpback salmon.

Further, that the Government operate all fish hatcheries of Alaska; and

Further, that at the hearings held before the Fishing and Game Joint Committees of the Territorial Legislature, it was fully demonstrated that illegal fishing was carried on in nearly all of the localities, and the inspection system as now inaugurated by the Fisheries Bureau is greatly inadequate to carry on proper inspection.

And we further recommend that no law be enacted by Congress whereby any right or title to the tide lands or waters now occupied by fishing appliances in Alaska can be acquired for fish trap sites, nor any areas of tide land or water be in any way reserved for the operation of any certain kind of fishing contrivances to the exclusion of other fishing gear.

And your memorialists will ever pray.

Passed the Senate, April 26, 1913.

Passed the House, April 30, 1913.

SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 27.

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled:

Your memorialists, the Legislature of the Territory of