

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

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, if such is properly protected; and

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

Whereas, at the present time the food fish of the waters of Alaska are being depleted by the use of same for the manufacture of same into fertilizer; and

Whereas, we believe that the taking and using of any food fish for any other purpose than for food and bait should be prohibited;

Therefore, your memorialists earnestly and respectfully petition your honorable body that laws be enacted prohibiting the use of herring or any other food fish for the purpose of manufacturing the same into fertilizer or oil after the 1st day of January, 1915;

And we further pray that a law be enacted by Congress prohibiting the erection, maintenance or use of any manufacturing or other plant in addition to those being now operated for said purposes.

And your memorialists will ever pray.

Passed the Senate, April 26, 1913.

Passed the House, April 30, 1913.

SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 28.

To the Honorable, the President, the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States:

We your memorialists, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, do most respectfully submit the following facts:

That under the United States mining laws, applicable

to the Territory of Alaska, it is required that one hundred dollars worth of labor be performed or improvements made on or in connection with each claim annually;

That many claims in Alaska are deep and of such a nature that the expenditure of one hundred dollars thereon, in the way of labor, as required under the said United States mining laws, cannot possibly result in any improvement thereof;

That it is a well known, and generally admitted fact, that the construction of wagon roads and the building of trails in Alaska are of urgent necessity to the development of the resources of the Territory;

Now, therefore, in view of these facts, we respectfully urge that the United States mining laws, in their application to the Territory of Alaska, be amended so that it may be optional with any claim owner to either perform one hundred dollars worth of labor upon his claim, as now provided by said United States mining laws, or to pay to the Recorder of the Precinct in which his claim is situated, the sum of one hundred dollars, and that all sums thus collected be expended in the construction of roads and trails in the precinct in which the same is collected, under the supervision of the Alaska Road Commission.

Passed the Senate, April 26, 1913.

Passed the House, April 29, 1913.

SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 30.

To the Honorable, the Postmaster General of the United States:

We, your memorialists, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, most respectfully represent that;

Whereas, the people of the mining districts, situated in the valleys of the Innoko River, the Iditarod River and the upper Kuskokwim River, and their various tribut-

aries, are at present served by the long winter mail route from Cordova or Valdez, via Fairbanks, Tanana and Nulato, covering over one thousand miles in length, which fact with the consequent delays incident to storm and stress of winter travel in the North and the long route traversed, entails loss and delay, hampering and seriously interfering with the transaction of such business as requires reasonable despatch; and

Whereas, the Board of Road Commissioners for Alaska have cut, marked, defined and improved a good winter trail from Seward, Alaska to the town of Iditarod, Alaska, which trail is approximately five hundred miles in length and, if used for the purpose, would afford a more prompt and efficient mail service to the district above referred to;

Therefore, we respectfully request and urge that an emergency contract be let to some responsible bidder, to carry the mail destined to Takotna, Iditarod, Ophir and Diskaket, from December 1, 1913, to May 1, 1914, over the said winter trail leading from Seward, Alaska, to Iditarod, Alaska.

And your memorialists will ever pray.

Passed the Senate, April 29, 1913.

Passed the House, April 29, 1913.

SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 31.

To the Honorable, the President, the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States:

Your memorialists, the Senate and House of Representatives of the Territory of Alaska, do respectfully submit the following to your kind consideration:

That the Alaska Road Commission, since its creation under the Act of Congress, approved January 27, 1905, has constructed approximately nine hundred miles of