

SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 3

TO THE SECRETARY OF COMMERCE AND UNITED STATES BUREAU OF FISHERIES:

Your memorialists, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, would most respectfully represent that;

WHEREAS, through the enlarged prosecution of the halibut fishery of the North Pacific Ocean it is evident to any observer that the supply of that great natural food fish is rapidly decreasing and,

WHEREAS, the history of the practical extermination of that fish in the Atlantic Ocean is an indication of what may result from over fishing of the Pacific banks, we, your memorialists, would respectfully represent to you that it is imperatively necessary that some action be taken at once by the United States Bureau of Fisheries to, if possible, prevent the total extermination of fish of this species, by regulation of fishing or attempt at propagation artificially.

WHEREAS, the researches and investigation of the Pacific Halibut industry by Dr. William F. Thompson as reported in the bulletins of the British Columbia Fisheries Department contain a suggestion that alternate areas of the Pacific halibut grounds be reserved for specified period of years in order that the fish thereon may propagate, we would without any assumption of scientific knowledge of the subject suggest that the Bureau of Fisheries give this or other suggestions such consideration as in its judgment is deserved with a view to immediate action internationally, to prevent the extinction of the Pacific halibut and the eventual collapse of one of the nations greatest marine industries.

And your memorialists will ever pray.

Passed the Senate March 12, 1919.

Passed the House March 29, 1919.

SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 5

TO HIS EXCELLENCY, THE PRESIDENT AND THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED STATES:

Your memorialists, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, in Fourth regular session assembled, do most respectfully and earnestly represent:

That the citizenship of Alaska are a law-abiding people