

Senate Joint Memorials

SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 1.

TO THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

Your memorialists, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, do most respectfully and earnestly represent:

That there are 753 local gasoline boats, approximately 200 foreign boats, approximately 160 halibut boats and approximately 250 cannery tenders, aggregating close to 2500 vessels, engaged in fishing and kindred industries all of which boats make Ketchikan, Alaska, their headquarters and stopping place during the greater part of the year, and are responsible for the prosperity and growth of Southeastern Alaska and more particularly the city of Ketchikan;

That the harbor facilities at Ketchikan are so inadequate and unsafe for this fleet that it is hazardous for said boats in event of storms, and it is impractical to place said boats ashore during the winter months when they are not in operation;

That the mouth of Ketchikan Creek at Ketchikan, Alaska, affords, by slight dredging, the possibility of a very safe harbor for the said fleet of vessels, and the Secretary of the Interior has heretofore set aside the area about the mouth of said creek as a reservation for the use of boats primarily belonging to the native population;

Wherefore, your memorialists respectfully request that the said proposed harbor be surveyed and the cost of dredging the same for the purposes of a harbor for the small boats be estimated, and that the necessary appropriation for carrying out the plans be made.

That a copy of this memorial be sent to the Secretary of War and the Delegate from Alaska.

And your memorialists will ever pray.

Passed by the Senate, March 9, 1925.

Passed by the House, March 19, 1925.