

It is our belief that a survey of these waters to determine the extent of available fishing areas is necessary to encourage the fishing industry by furnishing the information as to the full extent and probable yield of these areas; and that such survey will show a sufficient area to support a large fishing fleet, therefore

Your memorialist urges that immediate steps be taken by the Department of Commerce through the Bureau of Fisheries for making such survey as soon as possible.

And your memorialist will ever pray.

Passed the Senate, April 5, 1929.

Passed the House, April 27, 1929.

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### SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 7.

TO THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES, DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND BUREAU OF FISHERIES:

Your memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, respectfully represents that:

WHEREAS, the following is a fair estimate of the average catch of salmon per annum on the Yukon River between the points of 35 miles above and 35 miles below the Town of Tanana, namely:

469 Tons of Green Fish @ 15	
cents per lb. ....	\$140,700.00
3½ lbs. green fish equals	
1 lb. dried fish.	
469 Tons of Green Fish dried	
equals 134 Tons of Dried Fish	
@ 8 cents per lb. ....	21,440.00
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Shrinkage in value .....	\$119,260.00

Approximately one-half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ), of the above described amount consists of kings and silvers, the highest class of edible fish and would bring the highest price on the market if sold for human consumption.

A fair estimate of the loss to the people in said locality, saying nothing about the several hundred miles from this point to the mouth of the Yukon, because of the prohibition

placed on the preparation of the Yukon salmon for human consumption on the open market would be, to-wit: \$59,630.00.

WHEREAS, the Grand Igloo of the Pioneers of Alaska, a fraternal organization composed of persons who have resided in Alaska since December 31, 1906, and most of them being persons who came to Alaska in the very early days of its settlement and in a true sense are pioneers of Alaska, knowing the conditions in said Territory through long residence and observation, and being devoted to the best interests of said Territory, adopted the following resolution, to-wit:

The Grand Igloo Pioneers of Alaska, in convention assembled, at Juneau, Alaska, on the 20th day of March, 1925, passed a resolution requesting the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska to memorialize the Bureau of Fisheries, and set out the facts relative to the woeful economic waste of salmon on the Yukon River;

WHEREAS, the Yukon River is closed to commercial fishing, excepting the local market, and the inhabitants are prohibited from canning or mild curing their catch for sale on the open market and thereby being compelled to dry their entire catch and sell same as dog feed on the local market at a great loss;

WHEREAS, the market for dried fish, being very limited as compared with previous years, the fisherman's means of gaining a livelihood for self and family on the Yukon River has almost vanished; and

WHEREAS, the residents of the Yukon River desire to be self supporting, and justly desire to make use of the means at hand for that purpose, thereby building up an industry on the Yukon River, thus securing the best price for their catch;

WHEREFORE, your memorialist respectfully prays that the inhabitants along the Yukon River be permitted to take their usual amount of fish from the river, to prepare it as they please, and get the most out of their labor possible, which is the right of these people and cannot justly be refused;

That these people, the bona fide residents of the Yukon River, be permitted to build one or more community canneries on the Yukon River, limiting the output say, to twelve thousand cases per cannery; that they be permitted to can or mild cure the first class salmon, and be permitted to sell same on the open market for the best price obtainable instead of

being required to dry first class fish and sell same for dog feed, thus receiving only a minimum of the actual value of such product.

And your memorialist will ever pray.

Passed the Senate, April 18, 1929.

Passed the House, April 27, 1929.

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### SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 8.

TO THE UNITED STATES FOREST SERVICE AND THE TERRITORIAL BOARD OF ROAD COMMISSIONERS FOR ALASKA:

Your memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska in Ninth regular session assembled, does most respectfully represent that:

WHEREAS, the towns of Klawak and Craig, located on the west coast of Prince of Wales Island and having a joint population of from 700 to 1,000 people,

AND WHEREAS, during the winter months navigation between Ketchikan and these communities, due to frequent storms, is both difficult and hazardous, and that during such periods these communities are often without any boat communication with Ketchikan for considerable periods of time, and as a result neither mail nor other essential necessities are available.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That your memorialist respectfully urges the United States Forest Service and the Territorial Board of Road Commissioners for Alaska to investigate the feasibility of the construction of a road running from the Klawak-Craig districts across Prince of Wales Island to some navigable point on Kasaan Bay, and further that if such a route is feasible that the construction of said road be given favorable consideration.

Passed the Senate, April 17, 1929.

Passed the House, April 24, 1929.