

WHEREAS, the present halibut and cod banks are being rapidly depleted and it is now necessary for our fishermen to go great distances to secure a catch, many in fact entering Bering Sea; and,

WHEREAS, it is a generally known fact that there are extensive banks of halibut, cod and other food fish in the Bering Sea, Kotzebue Sound and Arctic waters, but concerning which there is no reliable data now available; and,

WHEREAS, a thorough survey of these waters will undoubtedly encourage the building up of several large fishing communities along their shores;

THEREFORE, your Memorialist prays that plans be prepared and funds secured to make such survey as soon as possible, thereby assisting materially in the development of this great industry.

And your Memorialist will ever pray.

Passed the House, April 6, 1931.

Passed the Senate, April 17, 1931.

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 6.

TO THE HONORABLE THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES:

Your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, in regular session assembled, respectfully represents:

WHEREAS the quantity of salmon caught in the waters of Alaska by means of the floating and standing fish trap is gradually increasing; and,

WHEREAS, the packers of canned salmon have announced a curtailment of their packs for the season of 1931 now approaching which will eliminate the necessity of using seine caught fish, and as a result of which the fishermen and seiners will be deprived of an opportunity to earn a livelihood; and,

WHEREAS the use of the fish trap in the salmon fishing industry militates prejudicially against the development of the Territory and has and will continue to retard the up-building of a permanent population in the Territory; and,

WHEREAS it is becoming increasingly more difficult for the local fishermen and seiners to earn a livelihood from their vocation; and,

WHEREAS great and general dissatisfaction exists among the people of Alaska over the manner in which the fisheries of the Territory are being regulated, and it is believed by the people of the Territory that the ends of justice would be better served were the Legislature of the Territory given the same powers over the subject as were formerly possessed by other Territories and are now possessed by the states; and,

WHEREAS the people of Alaska have the welfare of their country at heart and are fully capable of administering their own affairs.

THEREFORE, your memorialist, the Legislature of Alaska, respectfully memorializes the Congress of the United States, pending the time when full territorial form of government shall be granted, to so amend the existing fisheries laws of Alaska as to permit the legislature to prescribe and define the apparatus and methods to be employed in the catching and taking of salmon in the waters of Alaska, and to give to the Territory full power and authority to administer the fisheries to that extent.

Passed the House, April 6, 1931.

Passed the Senate, April 28, 1931.

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 7.

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

Your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska in Tenth regular session assembled, respectfully represents that:

WHEREAS, the waters of the Territory of Alaska abound in valuable food fish of which a very limited commercial use has been made as compared to the ultimate development of such resource given an adequate survey and examination of the same which survey has never been made; and,

WHEREAS, the present fishing season of Alaska continues but a short period leaving the fishing population of