

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

this Territory without occupation for the greater part of the year; and,

WHEREAS, an adequate survey and mapping of the waters of the Territory would in the opinion of your Memorialist disclose vast banks of spider or king crab, additional halibut and cod banks, shrimp and many other varieties of useful marine products.

THEREFORE, your Memorialist prays that funds be provided for a comprehensive survey of the waters adjacent to the coast of Alaska from its southern boundary to the Arctic Ocean.

AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

Passed the House, April 8, 1931.

Passed the Senate, April 17, 1931.

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 8.

TO THE HONORABLE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE:

Your memorialist, the Legislature of Alaska, respectfully represents:

That more than Five Hundred (500) fur farms have already been established in Alaska at a cost of nearly \$7,000,000.00, that the conditions of the Territory are such as to justify the belief that it possesses special advantages for the production of furs and the breeding of fur-bearing animals, but that the industry has been retarded and great losses have been sustained by reason of lack of information on the subject of feeding and breeding and on the subject of the diseases to which such animals are prey.

NOW THEREFORE, Your memorialist respectfully prays, that one or more of the experimental stations of your department in Alaska be required to carry on experiments with fur-bearing animals with a competent Veterinarian and fur-animal specialist in charge to the end that exact knowledge be acquired and disseminated concerning the care, feeding and breeding of such animals, it being the belief of your memorialist that in Alaska the raising of fur animals will, by proper encouragement, be a far more important industry than the raising of live-stock or of other agricultural products.

And your memorialist will ever pray.

Passed the House, April 13, 1931.

Passed the Senate, April 18, 1931.