

WHEREAS, these people depend entirely upon commercial fishing for their livelihood; and,

WHEREAS, these people are mostly residents of the isolated Bristol Bay Region and therefore find it difficult or impossible to seek employment elsewhere the enforcing of a strict and absolute closure of Bristol Bay during the Red Salmon season would deprive these hardy pioneers of the means of providing the necessities of life for themselves or their families for a period of twenty-three months, thereby causing untold amount of privations and suffering, placing many of these people on the charity list of the Territory of Alaska and the United States Government;

NOW THEREFORE, We respectfully petition and pray that you will reconsider your decision and permit fishing in Bristol Bay during the Season of 1935 for residents of Alaska who have been engaged in fishing in the Bristol Bay Region within the last two years. AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

Passed by the House, January 29, 1935.

Passed by the Senate, February 4, 1935.

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### HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 7.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY, THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES, THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, AND TO THE DELEGATE TO CONGRESS FROM ALASKA:

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

WHEREAS, the Congress of the United States has granted the President of the United States broad powers to reorganize the Executive Department of the Government, to prevent duplication of various departments and to reduce governmental expenses; and,

WHEREAS, the Alaska Game Commission of the Department of Agriculture has built up an expensive and oppressive bureau costing the tax-payers of the United States more than One Hundred Thousand

(\$100,000.00) Dollars per annum during the years 1931, 1932, 1933, and 1934; and,

WHEREAS, the activities of the Alaska Game Commission have largely been and are oppressive and repugnant to a large majority of the people of the Territory of Alaska, especially since no distinction is made between commercial trappers and native Indians whose sole means of sustaining themselves is hunting, trapping and fishing; and,

WHEREAS, the Alaska Game Commission has made unreasonable, oppressive and unenforceable regulations governing the taking and marketing of skins and fur-bearing animals resulting in large financial losses and great inconvenience to trappers and fur dealers who have all their resources invested in the fur industry; and,

WHEREAS, the Alaska Game Commission has ceased to represent the views of a majority of the permanent population of the Territory,

WHEREFORE, your Memorialist respectfully requests,

That the repeal of the Alaska Game Laws and abolishment of the Alaska Game Commission be made at the earliest possible date and that the legislative power of the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska be extended to include the game laws and laws relating to fur-bearing animals applicable to Alaska, and transferring the jurisdiction, supervision, administration, and control of the game and fur-bearing animals of Alaska from the Department of Agriculture to the Territory of Alaska.

That pending such transfer of authority to the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, the powers and duties conferred by law upon the Secretary of Agriculture with respect to said game laws and laws relating to fur-bearing animals applicable to Alaska, including the appointment of the members of the Alaska Game Commission, be transferred to and conferred upon the Governor of the Territory of Alaska.

That pending the aforesaid transfer of authority, and any and all appropriations heretofore made and now available for the protection of the game and fur bearing animals of Alaska, and for the administration of the game laws and laws relating to fur-bearing animals applicable to Alaska, shall remain available and shall be disbursed under the supervision of the Governor of Alaska.

And your Memorialist will ever pray.

Passed by the House, February 1, 1935.

Passed by the Senate, February 8, 1935.