

handling of the mails to and from Alaska; that a little more care be exercised in dispatching mail both ways; that the censorship be investigated and so administered as to meet the requirements of the nation while at war, and that the practice of taking or publishing extracts from letters which have no bearing on national defense be immediately discontinued.

AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

Passed by the House, March 5, 1943.

Passed by the Senate, March 15, 1943.

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 7

TO THE HONORABLE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES,
MEMBERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL FISHERIES COMMISSION,
THE HONORABLE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR,
THE HONORABLE DELEGATE FROM ALASKA, THE DIRECTOR OF THE FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE:

We, your Memorialists, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, respectfully represent that:

WHEREAS, the fishing of halibut in the waters contiguous to the coast of Alaska is controlled by the regulations of the International Fisheries Commission organized pursuant to the Pacific Halibut Fisheries Convention between the United States of America and the Dominion of Canada signed January 29, 1937; and

WHEREAS, the waters adjacent to the coast of Alaska are divided into areas and each area is permitted a production of a fixed number of pounds of halibut each year and closed to commercial fishing for halibut when the quota in an area is caught therefrom; and

WHEREAS, the fishing of salmon by trollers occurs in areas from which halibut are also caught; and in the ordinary and usual course of catching salmon by means of trolling a certain percentage of halibut are also caught; and

WHEREAS, the fishing for salmon continues in some areas after the same is closed to commercial halibut fishing; and

WHEREAS, Regulation No. 5 of the International Fisheries Commission permits other types of fishing operation in areas closed to halibut fishing to retain one pound of halibut for every seven pounds of the other fish caught, but excludes trollers from that provision, thereby discriminating against a large class of resident Alaskan fishermen; and

WHEREAS, in the normal course of trolling operations, approximately seventy-five percent of all halibut caught by trolling methods results in the death of the fish before the same can be returned to the water, resulting in a complete waste of a valuable and needed sea food each year by trolling boats catching halibut in areas closed to commercial fishing for halibut.

NOW THEREFORE, we your Memorialists, respectfully pray that Regulation No. 5 of the International Fishery Commission in the Pacific Halibut Fisheries Regulations be amended to permit trollers to come within said provision of the Regulations and that the same be done in time to utilize this wasted sea food for the year of 1943.

AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

Passed by the House, March 9, 1943.

Passed by the Senate, March 15, 1943.

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 9

TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE, THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND TO THE HONORABLE ANTHONY J. DIMOND, DELEGATE TO CONGRESS FROM ALASKA:

WHEREAS, it has been the persistent policy of the Congress of the United States to grant a reasonable amount of home rule unto all the people over which it has plenary power and control; and,

WHEREAS, the President of the United States gave voice to this principle when he recommended to the Congress to "consider legislation" as soon as possible, to permit the people of Puerto Rico to elect their own governor: