

gress from Alaska, with request to Delegate Bartlett that this Resolution be incorporated in the Congressional Record.

Passed by the House April 2, 1946.

House Joint Memorials

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 3

TO THE HONORABLE JULIUS A. KRUG, SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR, THE FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, AND HONORABLE E. L. BARTLETT, DELEGATE TO CONGRESS FROM ALASKA:

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

WHEREAS, the fishing industry in Alaska is a natural resource which produces great wealth for the nation; and,

WHEREAS, the fishing industry is capable of being increased and expanded through proper extension and protection of spawning and feeding grounds, to the benefit of all concerned; and,

WHEREAS, the fishing industry is capable of being preserved as a great and lasting natural resource; and,

WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of your Memorialists that certain fishing enterprises using a method known as "Otter trawling" are threatening to commence operations in Alaskan waters, thereby menacing the existence of the fishing industry by destruction of the spawning and feeding grounds of halibut, black cod, salmon and other forms of marine life; and,

WHEREAS, we, your Memorialists, are of the opinion that "otter" or "beam" trawling may be better understood if explained and defined in the manner following:

(a) "Otter" trawling, or "beam" trawling, is a means of taking fish by means of a drag net.

(b) The trawl consists of a power-driven boat towing a mesh drag net capable of an expansion of several hundred feet and capable of a penetration to the depth of one hundred and twenty-five fathoms; and,

WHEREAS, this operation known as "Otter" or "beam" trawling serves to destroy all natural bottom flora, is a wasteful operation in that an average of less than seventy per centum of the fish taken in any one such operation are usable for the purpose of sale and human consumption; and,

WHEREAS, the remaining fish taken in any one such operation and not fit for sale or human consumption, are disposed of by throwing their carcasses back into the sea; and,

WHEREAS, as a result of this wantonly destructive method, vast areas of the ocean's floor could have all their marine flora destroyed, and become polluted by the decaying of fish carcasses and thus be rendered unfit either as a feeding or as spawning grounds; this does not include Shrimp Trawlers using a basket or beam trawl;

NOW, THEREFORE, we your Memorialists, do respectfully pray that the proper departments take whatever steps may be necessary for the promulgation and adoption of proper regulations for the purpose of prohibiting "otter" or "beam" trawling anywhere along the Alaska coast line. .

AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

Passed by the House March 21, 1946.

Passed by the Senate March 29, 1946.

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 5

TO THE HONORABLE JULIUS A. KRUG, SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR; HONORABLE CLINTON ANDERSON, SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE; THE BUREAU OF PUBLIC ROADS; AND THE HONORABLE E. L. BARTLETT, DELEGATE TO CONGRESS FROM ALASKA: