

meetings six months prior to the opening of any fishing season, and all such hearings should be held within the Territory of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Department of Fisheries has been functioning in an orderly and efficient manner for nearly four years, and are now in a position to readily expand and assume the duties and responsibilities incident to full control of the fisheries of Alaska with a minimum of delay and inconvenience; and

WHEREAS, it is an affront to the people of Alaska that their continued pleas for the right to manage and control their major industry and resource have gone unheeded;

NOW THEREFORE, your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska in Twenty-first Session assembled, respectfully prays that the Congress of the United States, in accordance with the mandate of the people of Alaska, take immediate action to transfer control of the fisheries of Alaska to the government of the Territory of Alaska.

AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

Passed by the House, February 14, 1953.

Passed by the Senate February 25, 1953.

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 12

TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES; THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR; THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE ON INTERIOR AND INSULAR AFFAIRS, UNITED STATES SENATE; THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC LANDS, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES; AND THE DELEGATE FROM ALASKA:

Your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, in Twenty-first Session assembled, respectfully submits that:

WHEREAS, the Department of the Interior and its officials and agents, for the past several years, have administered the public land laws in their application to public lands in Alaska in such arbitrary manner as to discourage and prevent settlement development, and improvement of them; and

WHEREAS, the progress and economic welfare of Alaska are largely dependent upon the prompt utilization of all useable public lands for residential, agricultural, mining, manufacturing, lumbering, fishing, and other industrial purposes; and

WHEREAS, the prompt utilization of public lands in Alaska for said purposes can be fostered and promoted only by the liberal administration of the public land laws in such manner as to encourage and aid in their being made available to all members of the general public without their being submitted to burdensome, dilatory and arbitrary rules and regulations and to frequent and unnecessary withdrawals and reservations of vast areas for special purposes not conducive to the benefit and welfare either of the general public or of Alaska;

NOW THEREFORE, your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, requests that the arbitrary, burdensome, dilatory policy in the administration of the public land laws in Alaska be immediately discarded, and that such liberal policy in the administration of those laws be immediately adopted and made effective as will aid and encourage the prompt utilization of all useable public lands for residential, agricultural, mining, manufacturing, lumbering, fishing, and other industrial purposes and give impetus to the immediate development of Alaska and to its present and future economic welfare.

AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

Passed by the House February 12, 1953.

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