

SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 13

TO THE HONORABLE JOHN FOSTER DULLES, SECRETARY
OF STATE:

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

WHEREAS, it now appears that the proposed "International Convention for the High Seas Fisheries of the North Pacific Ocean" will be ratified by the three contracting parties—Japan, Canada and the United States—; and

WHEREAS, said proposed Convention in its preamble states its objectives to be:

(1) to ensure the maximum sustained productivity of the fishery resources of the North Pacific Ocean, and

(2) to encourage the conservation of such resources; and proposed that said objectives be furthered by (1) the establishment of an international commission (to be known as the North Pacific Fisheries Commission), representing the Parties to the Convention, to promote and coordinate the scientific studies necessary to ascertain the conservation measures required to secure the maximum sustained productivity of fisheries of joint interest to the contracting parties and to recommend such measures to such parties, and (2) each Party's carrying out such conservation recommendations and providing for necessary restraints on its own nationals and fishing vessels; and

WHEREAS, said Convention, in Article 11 thereof, proposes membership on said Commission of not more than four representatives of each of the contracting member governments; and

WHEREAS, in addition to such representation on said Commission, Article 11 further authorizes the appointment of an advisory committee for each national section of the Commission; and

WHEREAS, the proposed "Convention area" covers all waters of the North Pacific Ocean and adjacent seas, other than territorial waters; and

WHEREAS, the broad functions proposed for performance by the Commission, covering the fisheries of the aforementioned extensive "Convention area," will be of immediate and direct importance to Alaska, whose territorial waters embrace the world's greatest salmon fishery as well as other fisheries of world-wide importance; and

WHEREAS, under the provisions of the Annex and Protocol attached to said proposed Convention, the "Convention area" as concerns the salmon fishery has been defined on a provisional basis only, which definition will be subject to revision by the Commission once the Convention has been formally adopted and made operative; and

WHEREAS, notwithstanding Alaska's prominent place in world fisheries, no Alaskan has heretofore been named to membership on the present International Fisheries Commission which exerts its direct effect on Alaska's economy and on one of its major renewable resources; and

WHEREAS, the proposed North Pacific Fisheries Commission will be equally important to Alaska, and will exercise an equally vital role in the protection and propagation of Alaskan fisheries; and

WHEREAS, Alaska is one of the major spawning grounds for the North Pacific salmon fishery and the principal situs of many large commercial fisheries operations, by virtue of which Alaskans are keenly aware of the need for realistic protective measures for the fisheries; and

WHEREAS, protection and conservation of the Alaskan fisheries will have direct bearing on Alaska's future as a State of the Union, on attainment of which Alaska will have the same jurisdiction over its coastal waters as is enjoyed by other States of the Union;

NOW THEREFORE, your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, hereby declares that Alaska is, on every consideration of logic and equity, entitled to representa-

tion on the American delegation to the North Pacific Fisheries Commission; and it hereby respectfully urges that such representation be provided from the outset, both on the Commission itself and on the Advisory Committee subordinate thereto, when said bodies are appointed.

AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

Passed by the Senate, February 24, 1953.

Passed by the House, March 5, 1953.

SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 14

TO THE HONORABLE DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES; TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES; TO THE HONORABLE E. L. BARTLETT, DELEGATE TO CONGRESS FROM ALASKA; TO THE HONORABLE DOUGLAS MCKAY, SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR; AND TO THE DIRECTOR OF THE FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE:

Your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, in twenty-first regular session assembled, respectfully represents that:

WHEREAS, the people of Alaska in a free expression of opinion at their general election on October 12, 1948, did by the unprecedented majority of 19,712 to 2,624 vote to abolish fish traps from the waters of this Territory; and

WHEREAS, this expression of the people of Alaska was made after the fullest discussion ever given any issue in the history of the Territory; and

WHEREAS, fish traps have been abolished by the respective states and the Province of British Columbia from all coastal waters of the Pacific Coast except in Alaska; and