

ed in traversing the many potentially productive areas of the Territory closely parallel problems throughout the many Western States; and

WHEREAS, there are residents of the Territory of Alaska who are eminently qualified to sit in high council with U. S. officials and through their advice and ability contribute immensely toward properly expediting resource development within the Territory of Alaska, and, through the benefit of experiences encountered over the far-flung reaches of Alaska, be of invaluable counsel in formation of resource development policy for many States of the Union;

NOW THEREFORE, your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, respectfully urges the appointment of a qualified Alaskan as Assistant Secretary of the Interior.

AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

Passed by the Senate February 18, 1953.

Passed by the House February 25, 1953.

SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 9

TO THE HONORABLE DOUGLAS MCKAY, SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR; TO THE HONORABLE ALBERT M. DAY, DIRECTOR, FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE; AND TO THE HONORABLE E. L. BARTLETT, DELEGATE TO CONGRESS FROM ALASKA:

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

WHEREAS, the catch of herring in Southeastern Alaska has been subnormal since 1938, except for a mild resurgence in the period 1945-1947, despite an intensive desire and effort on

the part of the reduction industry to achieve profitable volume; and

WHEREAS, virtually all known herring grounds in Southeastern Alaska have ceased to be productive in recent years and the species has become obviously scarce; and

WHEREAS, herring seiners have extended their fishing range to new and unusual grounds but have been unsuccessful in locating adequate supplies anywhere in Southeastern Alaska during the normal, summer operating season; and

WHEREAS, the Fish and Wildlife Service during the current season has conducted exploratory fishing for herring with its own research vessel JOHN N. COBB and, by an unusual relaxation of the regulations, has permitted and encouraged commercial search by fishing vessels; and

WHEREAS, this testing of winter potentialities, previously untried, has also failed to locate any substantial supply; and

WHEREAS, there are numerous examples of seiners having annihilated local populations of herring through over-intensive fishing, populations which have never recovered sufficiently to again contribute to support of the industry; and

WHEREAS, on many other occasions fishing disturbance has dissipated schools on regular feeding grounds; and

WHEREAS, herring is one of the most important food species for salmon, probably necessary to sustain their volume and certainly necessary to attract them to accessible trolling grounds where salmon fishermen can catch them; and

WHEREAS, the herring industry contributes virtually nothing to the economy of Alaska while salmon are the Territory's principal sustaining resource; and

WHEREAS, there is grave risk of destroying herring as a commercially significant natural resource and of dislocating and rendering uneconomic the important salmon trolling industry;

NOW THEREFORE, your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, in Twenty-first session assembled, re-

spectfully requests that the Secretary of the Interior and the Director of the Fish and Wildlife Service prohibit fishing for herring for reduction purposes in Southeastern Alaska immediately and until such time as the supply recovers its previous abundance.

AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

Passed by the Senate, February 16, 1953.

Passed by the House, February 25, 1953.

SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 10

TO THE HONORABLE E. L. BARTLETT, DELEGATE TO THE CONGRESS FROM ALASKA; AND TO THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES:

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

WHEREAS, in 1949 the Congress of the United States passed a statute known as the Alaska Public Works Act (63 Stat. 627); and

WHEREAS, the Congress there declares it to be its policy "to foster the settlement and increase the permanent residents of Alaska, stimulate trade and industry, encourage internal commerce and private investment, develop Alaskan resources, and provide facilities for community life"; and

WHEREAS, the Congress intended that that policy should become effective through "a program of useful public works"; and

WHEREAS, the Congress authorized the appropriation of Seventy Million Dollars (\$70,000,000.00) to carry out that purpose; and