

Alaska, especially in view of the serious threats to such fisheries that have arisen since the conclusion of the Second World War; and

WHEREAS, the conservation problem of the fisheries in the waters adjacent to Alaska is a problem that cannot be solved by the State of Alaska alone since it involves fish and fishing over an extended area outside the jurisdiction either of the state or of the United States; and

WHEREAS, since whatever efforts the State of Alaska makes in fishing conservation in the North Pacific can be defeated by the unrestricted fishing of other nations, it is of paramount importance to the conservation of fishing in this area that a treaty regulating all North Pacific fishing be established to control the conservation of this resource, vital not only to the United States, but also of Canada, Russia and Japan; and

WHEREAS, the signing of a fisheries treaty between Japan, the United States, Great Britain and Russia would be not only of vital importance to the conservation of the fisheries industry of the North Pacific Ocean but would also be a step in the direction of peaceful cooperation between the nations of the world;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Alaska, on behalf of the People of Alaska, that the Governor be and he is hereby respectfully requested

and directed to investigate, in cooperation with the appropriate agencies of the United States Government, the possibility of establishing a treaty for the fisheries industry of the North Pacific Ocean, including the Bering Sea; and that the Governor be and he is hereby further respectfully requested to seek whatever means are within his power to ascertain from the government of the United States the possibilities of such an international convention of fishing nations in the North Pacific, and to discover what steps in this direction may be taken by the Legislature and the government of the State of Alaska; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution do also serve as an expression of the deep concern of the people of Alaska in the conservation problems of the North Pacific fisheries and their fervent desire to take whatever steps are necessary, in cooperation with the other nations of the world involved in this fishing industry, to stabilize the North Pacific Fisheries; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House certify to and the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House attest the adoption hereof, and that the same be thereafter transmitted for approval to the Governor of Alaska.

Passed by the Senate March 23, 1959.
Passed by the House April 6, 1959.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 11

Be it Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Alaska in First Legislature, First Session Assembled:

WHEREAS, certain fish trap operators have initiated legal proceedings to set aside federal regulations prohibiting the use of fish traps in Alaska waters; and

WHEREAS, the same federal regulations have closed the Bristol Bay area of Alaska to the taking of salmon in 1959, thereby inviting grave economic disaster in that area; and

WHEREAS, the governor of Alaska has ordered that no state fish trap li-

censes be issued for the year 1959; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of Alaska has enacted legislation outlawing the use of fish traps in Alaska waters; and

WHEREAS, the heart of the entire problem of control of the Alaskan fisheries rests in the provisions of Section 6 (e), Public Law 85-508, which retains federal administration and management of the Alaskan fisheries; and

WHEREAS, Section 6 (e), Public Law 85-508 contravenes the inherent rights and powers of the sovereign state of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the sovereign State of Alaska is fully capable of exercising its constitutional right to administer and manage its own fisheries; and

WHEREAS, further litigation is anticipated from the vested "outside" fishing interests to further their program of economic exploitation of the Alaska fisheries; and

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska must speak out forthrightly and vigorously in behalf of its rights, resources and people; and

WHEREAS, such necessary actions in behalf of the State of Alaska require retention of additional legal counsel to insure fruition of Alaska's sovereign rights and obligations toward its fisheries;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Alaska in First Legislature, First Session assembled, that the governor of Alaska is urged, directed and authorized to employ and retain all necessary expert legal counsel to defend and uphold the rights of the sovereign State of Alaska from any and all infringements upon its sacred rights by persons adversely interested therein; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the governor of Alaska take such further necessary and proper steps so as to cause the sovereign State of Alaska to become free of any federal regulations, restrictions and control over its natural resources.

Passed by the Senate March 24, 1959.

Passed by the House March 31, 1959.
