

Fish and Wildlife, Department of the Interior; and to the members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

Passed by the Senate February 12, 1963.
Passed by the House February 22, 1963.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 6

Relating to the production of fish flour.

Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Alaska:

WHEREAS a National Academy of Sciences panel has recently reported that a wholesome, safe, and nutritious product for human consumption, often referred to as fish flour, can be made from whole fish; and

WHEREAS fish flour is a rich source of protein which could be a valuable supplement to the diet of many people here and abroad, and a cheap and practical method for the manufacture of fish flour has been developed; and

WHEREAS foreign fishing interests are currently exploiting fish resources in the waters off the coast of Alaska which could

be used for the production of fish flour in the United States;

BE IT RESOLVED that the United States is urged to proceed as expeditiously as possible with the research necessary to establish conclusively that fish flour is a valuable protein source for humans; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to the Honorable John F. Kennedy, President of the United States; the Honorable Luther Hodges, Secretary of Commerce; the Honorable Stewart L. Udall, Secretary of the Interior; the Honorable Dean Rusk, Secretary of State; and the members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

Passed by the Senate February 26, 1963.
Passed by the House March 2, 1963.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 9

Relating to the creation of a Department of Fisheries and Oceanography.

Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Alaska:

WHEREAS the fisheries of the United States occupy an ever increasing importance to the general well-being of the nation; and

WHEREAS the power of states to adequately protect and enhance the value of fisheries is clearly limited by the nature of our constitutional system; and

WHEREAS foreign nationals have created competitive pressures which may only be met on a national scale; and

WHEREAS the past lack of interest of federal authorities in fisheries problems has resulted in a drop of American fisheries production from second to fifth in the world market, and a complete lack of aid

and protection for American fishermen; and

WHEREAS fisheries provide a source of livelihood for hundreds of thousands of American citizens deserving of constant federal attention to the maintenance and improvement of the industry; and

WHEREAS a cabinet level Department of Fisheries and Oceanography containing a research and management section, an economic development section, and an international section is necessary to deal with the scope and magnitude of the problems involved; and

WHEREAS Governor William A. Egan has already requested the President of the United States to make every effort toward establishing such a cabinet position;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the State of Alaska joins with Gover-