

Commission, to hold its spring 1965 meeting at Juneau, Alaska; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to the Honorable

Clarence F. Pautzke, Chairman, American Section, International North Pacific Fisheries Commission, and the other members of the Commission.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 7

Relating to the announced closure of the Alaska regional office of the Veterans Administration.

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

WHEREAS the Administrator of Veterans Affairs has announced the closure of the Alaska regional office and the transfer of its functions to the Seattle, Washington, office; and

WHEREAS the services to which the veterans in Alaska are legally entitled cannot be efficiently and fairly administered from the State of Washington because of the time lapses caused by distance, the chances of interrupted mail service, the expense of long-distance communication, the lack of knowledge of the problems and conditions peculiar to Alaska, the inherent insufficiency of written communication in regard to continuing problems, and the

isolation of the beneficiaries of the veteran's programs from their advisors;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Administrator of Veterans Affairs is requested to rescind the decision to close the Alaska regional office; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to the Honorable Hubert H. Humphrey, Vice President of the United States and President of the Senate; the Honorable Carl Hayden, President pro tempore of the Senate; the Honorable John W. McCormack, Speaker of the House; the Honorable Lister Hill, Chairman, Senate Labor and Public Welfare Committee; the Honorable Olin E. Teague, Chairman, House Committee on Veterans Affairs; the Honorable Stewart L. Udall, Secretary of the Interior; the Honorable W. J. Driver, Administrator of Veterans Affairs; and the members of the Alaska Delegation in Congress.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 9

Relating to the renegotiation of the Convention for High Seas Fisheries of the North Pacific Ocean.

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

WHEREAS, the salmon resources of the State of Alaska support historic subsistence, commercial, and sports fisheries; and

WHEREAS, these fisheries are vital to the economy of the State of Alaska and the United States and to the sustenance and enjoyment of their citizens; and

WHEREAS, these fisheries are managed by the State of Alaska under domestic law and regulation to the end that the resources shall be perpetuated while yielding the maximum sustainable harvest; and

WHEREAS, the salmon resources may be managed on a sustained yield basis only

when management may select the brood stocks according to qualitative as well as quantitative standards; and

WHEREAS, such management practices are made possible by the immutable laws of nature which provide for the division of the stocks into their divers races in the territorial waters of the State of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska alone has the jurisdiction over the salmon in its territorial waters, does not yield to any other government its paramount authority in this matter, and does not recognize that any other governments may diminish its special and unique obligation to all mankind to manage these salmon so that the maximum sustained yield may be harvested; and

WHEREAS, there exists between the governments of the United States, Canada,

and Japan an international convention under which a semblance of legality may be ascribed to the Japanese high seas fishery based upon the salmon stocks of western Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the Government of Japan has denounced the principle of abstention to which Alaskans had looked for a favorable solution to the management problem created by the Japanese high seas fishery, and further, has asked for the renegotiation of the Convention with the result that meetings have been held in Washington, D.C., Tokyo, and Ottawa and another is scheduled for Washington, D.C. in 1965;

BE IT RESOLVED, in order to provide for the conservation of the salmon resources of western Alaska, for their use in consonance with the principles of maximum sustained yield, to avert economic

disaster to the once great salmon industry in Bristol Bay, and to provide for the continued protection of the other salmon resources of Alaska, that the Legislature of the State of Alaska makes the following declarations:

1. That net or long line salmon fisheries on the high seas are opposed;

2. That the principle of sustainable harvest should be integrated in the terms of any treaty negotiated at Washington, D.C.; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to the Honorable Dean Rusk, Secretary of State; the Honorable Stewart L. Udall, Secretary of the Interior; the Honorable Clarence F. Pautzke, Commissioner of Fish and Game, Department of the Interior; and the members of the Alaska Delegation in Congress.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 10

Relating to the reduction in the long distance telephone rates between other states and the State of Alaska.

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

WHEREAS there are no station-to-station telephone rates from Alaska to the rest of the United States, and the existing rates for person-to-person service are unduly expensive; and

WHEREAS on November 25, 1964 the Federal Communications Commission announced major reductions in interstate telephone rates for the continental United States and Hawaii, but did not announce a similar reduction for Alaska service; and

WHEREAS Alaska remains the only one of the 50 states not receiving benefits from the numerous telephone rate reductions that have been effected during the past few years; and

WHEREAS the United States Air Force entered into discussion with American Telephone and Telegraph Company in

early June 1964, in order to reduce Alaska telephone rates over the Alaska Communications System network, but the negotiations have not been completed; and

WHEREAS the continuing high charges for long distance calls from Alaska are economically burdensome for, and unjustly discriminatory to, Alaskans;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Department of Air Force is respectfully urged to take immediate action to secure telephone toll rates between Alaska and the rest of the United States that are comparable to the reduced long-distance rates now enjoyed by citizens of other states of the Union; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to the Honorable Robert S. McNamara, Secretary of Defense; the Honorable Eugene M. Zuckert, Secretary of the Air Force; the Honorable E. William Henry, Chairman of the Federal Communications Commission; and the members of the Alaska Delegation in Congress.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 12

Relating to low cost housing in villages,

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

WHEREAS the Federal Housing Administration makes possible the construction and purchase of low cost housing in urban areas; and