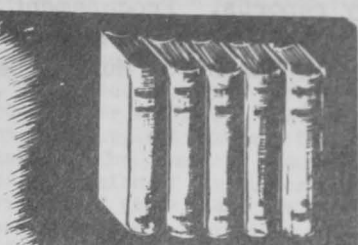




FEDERAL ACTIONS



Department of the Interior

FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ADOPT AMENDMENTS TO ALASKA COMMERCIAL FISHERIES REGULATIONS: The Secretary of the Interior gave notice in the Federal Register of June 18 that he intends to adopt amended regulations permitting and governing the time, means, and methods for the taking of commercial fish in the waters of Alaska, and related matters.

The regulations are to be effective beginning about February 1, 1954, and to continue in effect thereafter until further notice.

Interested persons are hereby given an opportunity to participate in considering changes in the regulations by submitting their views, data, or arguments in writing to the Director of the Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, Washington 25, D. C., on or before November 20, 1953, or by presenting their views at a series of open discussions scheduled to be held as follows:

Alaska:

Dillingham - August 1
Kodiak - September 18
Anchorage - September 21
Cordova - September 23
Ketchikan - October 12

Alaska (Contd.):

Wrangell - October 14
Petersburg - October 15
Sitka - October 19
Juneau - October 21
Seattle, Wash. - November 4, 5, and 6

The hour and place of each meeting will be announced by the local representative of the Fish and Wildlife Service at the places indicated above.



Mutual Security Agency

GREECE AUTHORIZED TO PURCHASE CANNED FISH: Greece has been authorized by the Mutual Security Agency to spend \$400,000 for the purchase of canned sardines, herring, pilchards, mackerel, and/or squid; packed natural style. Greece is authorized to make this MSA-financed purchase in the United States and Possessions, a June 17 news release from that Agency reports. The contract period covering these purchases is from June 15, 1953, to October 31, 1953. The terminal delivery date is December 31, 1953.

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THAILAND AUTHORIZED TO PURCHASE FISH CARRIERS: Thailand has been authorized by the Mutual Security Agency to spend \$19,000 for the purchase of fish carriers for a fisheries project. Thailand is authorized to make this MSA-financed purchase in the United States and Possessions, a June 23 news release from that Agen-

cy reports. Procurement will be carried out through another U. S. Government agency. Firms wishing to receive further details should write to the Office of Small Business, Mutual Security Agency, 806 Connecticut Ave., NW., Washington 25, D. C.



Eighty-Third Congress (First Session)

JUNE 1953

Listed below are public bills and resolutions introduced and referred to committees or passed by the Eighty-Third Congress (First Session) and signed by the President that directly or indirectly affect the fisheries and allied industries. Public bills and resolutions are shown in this section only when introduced and, if passed, when signed by the President; but also shown are the more pertinent reports, hearings, or chamber actions on some of the bills shown in this section from month to month.

BILLS INTRODUCED:

Distribution of Fishery Products: H. R. 5829 (Bates) - A bill to further encourage the distribution of fishery products, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries. This bill provides that from funds available to the Secretary of Agriculture to carry out the provisions of section 32 of the Act of August 24, 1935, 49 Stat. 774, as amended, \$1,000,000 a year shall be transferred to the Secretary of the Interior. Of this, \$750,000 shall be used to promote the free flow of domestically-produced fishery products in commerce by conducting a fishery educational service and fishery technological and related research programs; and \$250,000 to develop and increase markets for domestic fishery products. Similar to S. 1731 (Saltonstall).

Food and Drug Factory Inspection Authority: H. R. 5740 (Wolverton) - A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, so as to protect the public health and welfare by providing certain authority for factory inspection, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Interstate Commerce.

Labeling of Foreign-Produced Trout: S. 2033 (Dworshak) - A bill relating to the labeling of packages containing foreign-produced trout sold in the United States, and requiring certain information to appear on the menus of public eating places serving such trout; to the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce. This bill defines the species covered as including all species of trout, except Salvelinus namaycush (lake trout), belonging to the following genera: Salmo, Salvelinus, Cristivomer, Hucho, and Brachymystax.

Social Security Coverage for all Fishermen: H. R. 5480 (Mack) - A bill to extend coverage under the Federal old-age and survivors insurance system to employees performing services in the catching, taking, harvesting, cultivating, or farming of any kind of fish, shellfish, or other aquatic forms of animal or vegetable life; to the Committee on Ways and Means. Expand coverage to include fishermen not included under present Social Security regulations.

Trade Agreement Authority: S. 2138 (Kefauver for himself and 10 other Senators) - A bill to extend the authority of the President under section 350 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, to repeal certain provisions of the Trade Agreements Extension Act of 1951, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

Also H. R. 5495 (Simpson)....(Same as S. 2138.)

Trade Agreement Extension Act: H. R. 5496 (Simpson of Penn.) - A bill to amend the Trade Agreements Extension Act of 1951 and certain other provisions of law to provide adequate protection for American workers, miners, farmers, and producers; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Also H. R. 5894 (Simpson of Penn.)....(Same as H. R. 5496.)

Water Pollution Control: H. R. 5623 (Radwan) - A bill to amend the Water Pollution Control Act, so as to confer authority upon the Surgeon General to assist in the elimination, control, and abatement of pollution in certain international waters; to the Committee on Public Works.

BILLS REPORTED:

Alaska Statehood: H. R. 2982 was reported to the House by the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs. Bill provides for the admission of Alaska into the Union, amended (H. Rept. No. 675).

Collisions at Sea: Senate Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce ordered favorably reported H. R. 2456, making certain technical changes in Rules and Regulations for the Prevention of Collisions at Sea.

Continental Shelf Submerged Lands: Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs reported to the Senate S. 1901 to provide for the jurisdiction of the United States over the submerged lands of the outer Continental Shelf, and to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to lease such lands for certain purposes; with amendments (S. Rept. No. 411).

Defense Production Act: House Committee on Banking and Currency on June 6 reported S. 1081 with amendment to the Committee on the Whole House on the State of the Union (H. Rept. No. 516). Bill provides authority for temporary economic controls. The measure was ordered reported with amendment as follows: Strike out all of the Senate bill after the enacting clause and substitute the House amendment. The amendment in effect eliminates the wage, price, and services freeze provisions, as well as all credit control provisions passed by the Senate; approved section 104 (fats and oils control provisions) as contained in the 1952 act; extends for 1 year instead of 2. Other minor amendments were made for clarification and to make the act as a whole conform with the changes made.

Interior Department Appropriations: Senate Committee on Appropriations in executive session completed the markup of H. R. 4828, Interior appropriations for 1954, and ordered the bill favorably reported to the Senate with amendments (S. Rept. No. 445).

Labeling of Foreign-Produced Trout: Senate Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce favorably reported without amendment S. 2033, relating to the labeling of foreign-produced trout sold in the U. S. (S. Rept. No. 395).

Trade-Agreements Authority: The House Committee on Ways and Means ordered reported to the full House, H. R. 5495, extending the trade agreements program for an additional year and establishing a study commission as requested by the President (H. Rept. No. 521).

The Committee on Finance favorably reported to the Senate with amendments H. R. 5495, to extend the authority of the President to enter into trade agreements under section 350 of the Tariff Act of 1932 (S. Rept. No. 472).

BILLS PASSED:

Collisions at Sea: H. R. 2456, making certain technical changes in Rules and Regulations for the Prevention of Collisions at Sea, was passed without amendment by the Senate and cleared for the President.

Continental Shelf: Senate passed, with amendment, H. R. 5134, to provide for the jurisdiction of the U. S. over the submerged lands of the outer Continental Shelf, which was first amended by substituting for the text thereof the language of S. 1901, a similar bill, on which some of the actions taken on amendments were: Adopted: Long amendment respecting submission to Congress each fiscal year of report on moneys received and expended in administration of this act; Daniel amendment authorizing Secretary of Interior to utilize State conservation facilities available to him in administration of act; and Long amendment of a technical clarifying nature; Rejected: Ellender amendment permitting States adjacent to Continental Shelf to extend their jurisdiction and laws to the seabed of the shelf and to artificial islands and fixed structures thereon; on division, Long amendment giving congressional consent to any coastal State to extend its seaward boundaries to end of Continental Shelf; and Long amendment providing for reimbursement to States of expense of services furnished to persons engaged in operations connected with development of Continental Shelf. Clarifying sentence in bill states: "this Act shall be construed in such manner that the character as high seas of the water above the

Outer Continental Shelf and the right to navigation and fishing therein shall not be affected." Senate requested conference on the bill and appointed conferees.

Defense Production Act: The House passed by a voice vote S. 1081, to provide authority for temporary economic controls, after adopting a committee substitute amendment that supplied new text for the Senate-passed provisions. The committee amendment provides for a 1-year extension of the allocation and priorities provisions of title I and the production expansion and procurement provisions of title III of the Defense Production Act of 1950. No authority is included for the 90-day standby wage, price, and rent freeze. Adopted amendments to the committee amendment designed to—prevent extension of section 104 of title I relating to the authority for exercise of import controls; to insure equal treatment of industries in the allocation of materials; supply a new definition of "national defense" as regards priorities and allocations. Also adopted an amendment relative to disclosure of information by the Office of Price Stabilization. The committee substitute amendment deleted provisions dealing with Small Defense Plants Administration; and an amendment was adopted providing for the insertion of the text of H. R. 5141 (Small Business Administration) as passed by the House on June 5. Rejected amendments that sought to—enlarge the functions of the Joint Committee on Defense Production. Restored title VIII of the Senate bill dealing with temporary price, wage, and rent ceilings.

House adopted the conference report on S. 1081 Defense Production Act amendments of 1953, and sent the measure to the Senate. The conference report on the differences between the House- and Senate-passed versions of S. 1081 was filed on June 17. Agreements reached by the conferees are as follows: (1) adopted House declaration of policy (title I, sec. 2), and the House title; (2) adopted House amendments to eliminate from the bill titles VI (consumer and real-estate credit), and VIII (90-day freeze provisions); (3) adopted Senate definition of national defense; (4) adopted House provisions providing for establishment of an Independent Small Business Administration (SDPA) to expire June 30, 1953; (5) accepted Senate provision to extend the bill for 2 years; and (6) approved House provisions stipulating that confidential information received by the OPS may not be disclosed except to the Justice Department, to Congress, or other agencies designated by the President.

By 42 yeas to 47 nays, Senate rejected conference report on S. 1081. Defense Production Act amendments of 1953, following which Senate asked for a new conference and instructed its conferees to strike out title II of the bill, as amended by the House, comprising the Small Business Act of 1953, and to substitute therefor provisions in the original Senate bill providing for a Small Defense Plants Administration.

Both House and Senate adopted conference report on S. 1081, Defense Production Act amendments of 1953, clearing this bill for the President.

Interior Appropriations: Senate passed, with amendments, H. R. 4848, Interior appropriations for 1953 (includes funds for the Fish and Wildlife Service). Amendments include Dirksen-Potter amendment providing additional \$200,000 to Fish and Wildlife Service for eradication of sea lampreys in Great Lakes area.

Labeling of Foreign-Produced Trout: S. 2033, relating to the labeling of foreign-produced trout sold in the U. S., was passed without amendment by the Senate and cleared for the House.

Trade Agreement Authority: House passed, by a rollcall vote of 363 yeas to 35 nays, H. R. 5495, to extend the authority of the President to enter into trade agreements under section 350 of the Tariff Act of 1930. This bill seeks to—extend for 1 year to June 12, 1954, the authority of the President to enter into reciprocal trade agreements; reduce from 1 year to 9 months the period within which the Tariff Commission must make its investigation and report on applications for relief under the escape clause; increase the membership of the U. S. Tariff Commission from 6 to 7; establish a Commission on Foreign Economic Policy which will provide for a thorough examination of our foreign economic policy.

BILL SIGNED BY THE PRESIDENT:

Collisions at Sea: H. R. 2456, making certain technical changes in Rules and Regulations for the Prevention of Collisions at Sea. Signed June 26, 1953 (P. L. 82).

COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Defense Production Act: Joint Committee conferees agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of S. 1081, Defense Production Act amendments of 1953. Results of the conferees' actions are as follows: (1) Accepted the House provisions to extend for 2 years, until June 30, 1955, title I (allocation and priorities), title III (expansion of productive capacity and supply), and necessary sections of title VII (so-called housekeeping provisions) of the Defense Production Act; and (2) Extended until July 31, 1953, section 714 of the Defense Production Act (continuation of the Small Defense Plants Administration), so that during the month of July further consideration may be given to H. R. 5141 (and other similar bills now pending before the Senate Banking Committee) to create a Small Business Administration.

CONGRESSIONAL REPORTS:

Committee reports on bills reported in this section of interest to the fishery and allied industries available only from the committee submitting the report.

Authorizing the President to Proclaim Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, Senate Report No. 385 (June 10, 1953, 83d Congress, 1st Session), 2 p., printed. The Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce reported favorably on H. R. 2456, without amendment, and recommended passage of the bill. The bill provides for slight technical changes in Rules and Regulations for the Prevention of Collisions at Sea. Committee adopted House Rept. No. 357 on this same bill. Report indicates changes in existing law.

Defense Production Act Amendments of 1953, House Report No. 516 (June 6, 1953, 83d Congress, 1st Session), 29 p., printed. This is a report from the Committee on Banking and Currency to accompany S. 1081, to provide authority for temporary economic controls, and for other purposes, with an amendment. Committee recommended passage of the bill as amend-

ed. The report discusses the provisions of the Senate bill and the Committee amendment; background of the legislation; priorities and allocations; import controls; expansion of production capacity and supply; the general provisions of Title VII (administrative provisions necessary to carry into effect the substantive provisions provided in the other titles of the act) of the act; authority to requisition and condemn; credit controls; and standby economic freeze controls. A section-by-section analysis of the bill as amended, the changes in existing law and minority views are also included.

Interior Department Appropriation Bill, 1954, Senate Report No. 445 (June 18, 1953, 83d Congress, 1st Session), 39 p., printed. This is a report from the Committee on Appropriations, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1954, and for other purposes, with amendments. As reported, the bill would provide for a total of \$451,256,940, an increase over the House-passed figure of \$406,130,343. Included in this total is \$4,260,000 for the Fish and Wildlife Service's Investigation of Resources (including the Branch of Commercial Fisheries)—an increase over the House-passed figure of \$3,000,000.

Labeling of Foreign-Produced Trout, Senate Report No. 395 (June 11, 1953, 83d Congress, 1st Session), 5 p., printed, to accompany S. 2033, relating to the labeling of packages containing foreign-produced trout sold in the United States, and requiring certain information to appear on the menus of public eating places serving such trout. Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce reported the bill to the Senate without amendment and recommended passage. The report discusses the purpose and need for the legislation, and contains a section-by-section analysis. The bill includes all species of trout belonging to the following genera: Salmo, Salvelinus, Cristivomer, Hucho, and Brachymystax. However, it specifically excepts lake trout (Salvelinus namaycush).

Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act, Senate Report No. 411 (June 15, 1953, 83d Congress, 1st Session), 68 p., printed. This is a report from the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, together with minority views, to accompany S. 1901, to provide for the jurisdiction of the United States over the submerged lands of the outer continental shelf, and to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to lease such lands for certain purposes. An amendment to the wording of section 3 (b) of the bill makes abundantly clear the unequivocal legislative intent of the committee that the jurisdiction asserted is a "horizontal jurisdiction," extending only to the seabed and subsoil, and does not in anywise affect the character as high seas of the waters above that seabed and subsoil nor their use with respect to navigation and fishing.

Providing for the Admission of Alaska into the Union, House Report No. 675 (June 26, 1953, 83d Congress, 1st Session), 25 p., printed. This is a report from the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs to accompany H. R. 2982, to provide for the admission of Alaska into the Union, with amendments. The report explains the purpose of the Bill, gives historical background on Alaska, discusses the national interest, and presents reports and comments of the Executive Departments, conclusions, and an analysis of the provisions of the bill as introduced together with the proposed amendments: In this report the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs recommends the admission of Alaska into the Union

a State in the belief that statehood is in the best interests of the Nation and the Territory. The Committee felt that Alaska has met the traditional requirements for statehood, and the enactment of the bill was recommended.

Trade Agreements Extension Act of 1953: House Report No. 521 (June 9, 1953, 83d Congress, 1st Session), 12 p., printed, to accompany H. R. 5495. This is a report from the Committee on Ways and Means to extend the authority of the President to enter into trade agreement under section 350 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended. The purposes of the bill are to—(1) Extend until June 12, 1954, the authority of the President under section 350 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, to enter into trade agreements as requested by the President; (2) reduce from 1 year to 9 months the period within which the Tariff Commission must make its investigation and report on applications for

relief under the escape clause; (3) increase the membership of the Tariff Commission from 6 to 7; and (4) establish a temporary bipartisan commission to be known as the "Commission on Foreign Economic Policy" which will provide the mechanism for a thorough examination of our foreign economic policy as recommended by the President. Discussed in the report are the organization, compensation of members, duties, and powers of the Commission. Changes in existing law, supplemental views, and views of the minority members of the Commission are also presented.

Senate Report No. 472 (June 26, 1953, 83d Congress, 1st Session), 7 p., printed, to accompany H. R. 5495, from the Committee on Finance. Points out the purposes of the bill, discusses the amendments, presents a general statement on the legislation, and lists the changes in existing law.



PACIFIC COAST STATES FISHERIES, 1951

Pacific Coast States Fisheries--1951, C. F. S. No. 876, is an annual summary of the fisheries in the states of Washington, Oregon, and California. The report includes tables summarizing the number of fishermen, vessels, and gear by districts; and the catch by species by states.

During 1951, the production of fish and shellfish in the Pacific Coast states of Washington, Oregon, and California amounted to 1,067,135,800 pounds, valued at \$97,403,492 ex-vessel. This represented a decrease of 30 percent in quantity and 10 percent in value as compared with the landings of the previous year. Pilchard landings (328,894,400 pounds) were down 54 percent. Tuna receipts (317,210,200 pounds) dropped 19 percent; while the salmon catch (97,634,700 pounds) was up 53 percent.

The number of fishermen operating in the Pacific Coast states decreased from 31,691 in 1950 to 28,528 in 1951. There were 3,308 fishing vessels of 5 net tons and over operating in this area during 1951; 17 less than the number operating in 1950.

Copies of C. F. S. No. 876 are available free upon request from the Division of Information, U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Washington 25, D. C.