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McKAY APPOINTS FISHERIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Secretary of the Interior Douglas McKay today announced the appointment of 19 representatives of all segments of the American fisheries industry to the Fisheries Advisory Committee authorized by the 83rd Congress to promote the free flow of domestically produced fishery products in commerce.

Those appointed were:

Moses Pike, Treasurer, Holmes Packing Co., Eastport, Maine; James S. Carlson, Treasurer, Baker, Boies and Watson, Boston, Mass; J. Richards Nelson, oyster and clam grower and dealer, Madison, Conn.; David Hart, independent fisherman and vessel owner, Cape May, N. J.; Harold R. Bassett, Treasurer, C. A. Loockerman, Inc., Crisfield, Md.; George R. Wallace, President, Wallace Fisheries Co., Morehead City, N. C.; Harry F. Sahlman, Sahlman Seafoods, Fernandino Beach, Fla.; Leon S. Kenny, Owner, Pinellas Seafood Co., St. Petersburg, Fla.

Alphonse J. Wegmann, President, Mexican Gulf Fisheries, Inc., Coden, Ala; Lawrence W. Strassburger, Strassburger Inspection Service, New Orleans, La.; Earl Buist Webster, fisherman and vessel owner, Twin City Fishermen's Cooperative Association, Port Isabel, Texas; Emmett Concannon, Vice President and General Manager, W. M. Walker, Inc., Chicago, Ill.; Arthur Sivertson, Sivertson Brothers Fisheries, Duluth, Minn.; Donald P. Loker, Vice President, Star-Kist Foods, Inc., Terminal Island, Calif.; Arthur H. Mendonca, President, F. E. Booth, Inc., San Francisco, Calif.; Thomas F. Sandoz, President, Columbia River Packers Association, Astoria, Oregon; Mark L. Edmunds, independent fisherman, Garibaldi, Oregon; Lawrence C. Calvert, President, San Juan Fishing and Packing Co., Seattle, Washington; Jack Mendenhall, Manager, Ketchikan Cold Storage Co., Ketchikan, Alaska.

Under a provision of Public Law 466--The Saltonstall-Kennedy Bill--the Secretary of the Interior was authorized to appoint a group of experts from the domestic fisheries and fishery products industry to advise him on industry problems embraced by the new legislation. The Commissioners are appointed to serve until July 30, 1957.

The Saltonstall-Kennedy Bill makes available to the Secretary of the Interior each fiscal year an amount equal to 30 percent of the gross receipts from customs duties collected on imported fishery products to conduct fishery research and to develop and increase markets for fishery products of domestic origin.

The law provides that expenditures from this special fund not exceed \$3,000,000 in any fiscal year, and that the balance in the fund at the end of each year shall not exceed \$5,000,000.

Secretary McKay said the research programs authorized by the new law have long been urgently needed to conserve and develop one of the Nation's most important natural food resources.

"The authorization for the appointment of this Industry Advisory Committee," Secretary McKay said, "further implements the Administration's partnership policy of working closely with the people most vitally affected toward the solution of common problems."

The Fish and Wildlife Service which administers Public Law 466 has allocated \$2,204,500 to urgent projects thus far this year.

In prior years only \$175,000 a year was allocated from customs duties for domestic fishery industry research and development by the Department of the Interior.

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