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#### SECRETARY SEATON ANNOUNCES NEW FISHERY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Secretary of the Interior Fred A. Seaton today announced that letters of appointment to varying terms of office in the American Fisheries Advisory Committee were mailed to 19 members of all segments of the American fishing industry.

This Advisory Committee was authorized by the Saltonstall-Kennedy Act of 1954 which was passed by the Congress "to promote the free flow of domestically produced fishery products in commerce." The Act was due to expire on June 30, 1957, which would have automatically terminated the Committee.

With the passage of the Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956 which, among other things, made the Saltonstall-Kennedy Act permanent, the Department of the Interior has now established a new committee using a staggered-term system which will retire one-third of the committee each year.

Under this plan 13 former members are being reappointed effective July 1--five for one year, four for two years, and four for three years. Six new members are being appointed to complete the committee.

This group represents a complete cross section of the American fishing industry. Geographically, it provides representation from the Atlantic, Gulf, and Pacific Coasts, and the inland States.

Former members reappointed and their terms of offices are as follows:

For one year: Moses B. Pike, Treasurer, Holmes Packing Corp., Eastport, Maine; H. F. Sahlman, Sahlman Sea Foods, Fernandina Beach, Fla.; Donald P. Loker, Vice Pres., Star-Kist Foods, Inc., Terminal Island, Calif.; Lawrence Calvert, Pres., San Juan Fishing and Packing Company, Seattle 14, Wash.; Arthur Sivertson, Sivertson Bros. Fisheries, Duluth, Minn.

For two years: J. Richards Nelson, Oyster and Clam Grower, Madison, Conn.; David H. Hart, Fisherman and Vessel Owner, Cape May, N. J.; Lawrence W. Strasburger, Strasburger Inspection Service, Metairie, La.; Thomas F. Sandoz, Pres., Columbia River Packers Assn., Astoria, Oreg.

For three years: James S. Carlson, Treasurer, Baker, Boies and Watson Co., Boston 10, Mass.; Leon S. Kenny, President, Pinellas Seafood Co., St. Petersburg 5, Fla.; Arthur H. Mendonca, President, F. E. Booth, Inc., San Francisco, Calif.; Chris Dahl, Kayler-Dahl Fish Company, Petersburg, Alaska.

New members and terms of office are:

For one year: John Lewis, President, Twin City Fishermen's Cooperative Assn., Inc., Morgan City, La.

For two years: William Ballard, President, Ballard Fish & Oyster Co., Inc., Norfolk, Va.; Mason Case, Manager, Fishermen's Coop. Assn. of San Pedro, San Pedro, Calif.

For three years: Ralph E. Carr, President, Mid Central Fish Co., Kansas City, Mo.; R. L. Haynie, President, Reedville Oil & Guano Co., Inc., Reedville, Va.; James McPhillips, President, McPhillips Packing Corp., Mobile, Ala.

"The American Fisheries Advisory Committee has rendered invaluable service to this Department in carrying out its responsibilities under the law," Secretary Seaton said, "and with these new appointments the Department will continue to benefit from the advice available from people with long experience in the commercial fishing industry."

The American Fisheries Advisory Committee has so far held five meetings. The next meeting will be held in Ketchikan and Juneau, Alaska, July 22-25. Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Fish and Wildlife Ross Leffler is Chairman of the Committee and will preside at the Alaska meeting.

The law makes available to the Secretary of the Interior each fiscal year an amount equal to 30% of the gross receipts from customs duties collected on imported fishery products for the conduct of various types of fishery research and services to develop and increase markets for fishery products of domestic origin. With these funds the Bureau of Commercial Fisheries conducts a broad program designed to aid the American fishing industry.

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