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### ADVISORY COMMITTEE VIEWS FISHERY ACTIVITIES IN ALASKA

Favorable comments on the program of the Bureau of Commercial Fisheries, United States Fish and Wildlife Service, in support of the American commercial fishing industry generally and on the pattern of Saltonstall-Kennedy fisheries projects in particular, were expressed by members of the American Fisheries Advisory Committee following their recent meeting in Alaska, Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Fish and Wildlife Ross Leffler said today.

The committee, holding its sixth meeting in Ketchikan and Juneau, also had an opportunity to view first hand the activities of the Bureau in Alaska. The Committee visited the Bureau's Fishery Products Laboratory in Ketchikan to see some of the technological research and fishery management activities there. Members also inspected a cold storage plant and a salmon cannery. In the Juneau area the Committee observed the spawning runs of salmon in the creeks and rivers.

Some of the more important projects being conducted with funds provided by the Saltonstall-Kennedy Act for the betterment of domestic fisheries were explained to the Committee by the use of visual aids. The Committee expressed satisfaction at the progress being made and at the direction being taken by the program.

Members expressed the view that whenever possible the work be conducted by government employees and that only where special conditions exist should contract work be performed. Members also expressed concern over the circumstances which, to an increasing degree, require financing of continuing operations with Saltonstall-Kennedy money. These funds, they believed, should be used for more specialized and critical problems of less permanent duration.

Sixteen of the nineteen active members of the Committee attended the meeting. They were: James S. Carlson, Boston, Massachusetts; Ralph E. Carr, Kansas City, Missouri; Mason Case, San Pedro, California; Chris Dahl, Petersburg, Alaska; David H. Hart, Cape May, New Jersey; R. L. Haynie, Jr., Reedville, Virginia; Leon S. Kenney, St. Petersburg, Florida; Donald P. Loker, Terminal Island, California; James McPhillips, Mobile, Alabama; Arthur H. Mendonca, San Francisco, California; J. Richards Nelson, Madison, Connecticut; Moses B. Pike, Eastport, Maine; H. F. Sahlman, Fernandina Beach, Florida; Thomas F. Sandoz, Astoria, Oregon; Arthur Sivertson, Duluth, Minnesota; and Lawrence W. Strasburger, Metairie, Louisiana.

The next meeting of the Committee will be in the spring of 1958.

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