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INTERIOR EXTENDS PROHIBITION ON HIGH SEAS NET FISHING FOR SALMON

Salmon fishing with nets will be prohibited to United States nationals on the high seas of the entire North Pacific Ocean and the Bering Sea north of 48 degrees 30 minutes north latitude as the result of regulations to be issued in the Federal Register in the near future, Assistant Secretary of the Interior Ross Leffler announced today.

The notice of intention was carried in the Federal Register of June 9, 1960. Although interested persons were given 30 days in which to submit their written comments, suggestions, or objections, none were received.

This revision of prior regulations extends the prohibited salmon net fishing area to the west of longitude 175 degrees west where it has not previously been in effect.

The new regulation, which continues a similar exception in the previous regulation, does not apply to fishing for sockeye salmon or pink salmon south of latitude 49 degrees north because control of these species is covered from latitude 49 degrees to 48 degrees by the International Sockeye Salmon Commission.

In commenting on the revised regulation, Assistant Secretary Leffler declared that its provisions conform with a request of Alaska's legislature which, in its Second Session, asked for the stoppage of all salmon fishing by nets on the high seas of the North Pacific Ocean and the Bering Sea.

"The action we are now taking and the enforcement of the regulation to obtain compliance by all nationals of the United States will contribute to the cooperative conservation effort to protect the salmon resource", the Assistant Secretary said.

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