

Would Compensate Fishermen for Damages from Drifting Nets

Senator Ted Stevens, R-Alaska, has introduced legislation to compensate commercial fishermen for damages caused by drifting nets that are presumed to come from foreign fishing vessels.

In a statement on the floor

of the U. S. Senate the Alaska Republican spoke against the monofilament nets which do not dissolve in the sea. "These nets continue to fish, many times destroying vast quantities of fish, foul the propellers of American fishing vessels and

cause extensive damage to the boats and great financial loss to their owners."

Stevens read into the record letters from Robert Thorntson of Petersburg Fisheries and Fred Haltiner, Jr. of Juneau, president of the United Fisherman of

Alaska protesting the practice of foreign fishing fleets which leave the drifting monofilament nets.

Thorntson's letter told of the halibut boat M/V Lualda which was disabled in the Gulf of Alaska near Seward when

"she got a floating fishing net in her wheel."

Thorntson said the incident was the third this year involving PF boats entangled in floating polypropylene fishing nets. While all vessels were saved, Thorntson warned that "should a single screw vessel encounter one of these nets when the weather was rough or if she was near a rugged shore the results could be disastrous."

Haltiner's letter asked for compensation to fisherman who have lost fishing time after running into discarded nets.

Stevens introduced a statement by James Parker, an area management biologist with the commercial fisheries division of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, indicating the extent of the area in which nets have washed ashore.

Stevens said that he was specifically including the nets in a bill which he has cosponsored with Senators Brooke and Kennedy of Massachusetts, that will compensate commercial fishermen from losses by foreign vessels.

Stevens said that it will be clear that nets of the type that fouled the propellers of the Petersburg fisheries vessels will come with the legislative intent of the act.

Sales Exceeded

"State of Alaska U. S. Savings Bonds Sales in June 1972 of \$490,336 exceeded May 1972 sales of \$372,289 by 24.08 per cent," State Volunteer Chairman Fred D. Chie, Jr. announced.

"Total Sales of \$2,936,065 the first half of this year exceed sales of \$2,670,677 for the same period last year by 9.93 per cent," he added.

"Nationwide sales for June 1972 of \$532,000,000 exceeded June 1971 sales of \$486,000,000 by 9.46 per cent while redemptions, at cost price, of \$383,000,000 increased the amount of E and H bonds outstanding, including accrued interest, by \$264,000,000 leaving a record \$56.6 billion, including Freedom Shares no longer on sale, in the hands of tens of millions of people," he concluded.

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Sealed bids in single copy for furnishing all labor, materials and equipment, and performing all work on Project ALC-095-219 and A.D.A. P. 8-02-0144-03 Ketchikan and Grävin Island Airport Ferry Terminals described herein, will be received until 2:00 p.m. Pacific Daylight Time, September 29, 1972 in the Commercial Office, Department of Public Works, Juneau, Alaska.

This project will consist of construction of two ferry terminals. One will be located at the existing Alaska Marine Highway Ferry Terminal at Ketchikan, and the other will be located at the Ketchikan Airport on Grävin Island.

Principal items of work consist of the following: 16,110 cubic yards of unclassified excavation; class A concrete, all required; transfer bridges all required; 3,422 linear feet of treated timber piles; 1,904 linear feet of cast-in-place concrete piles, furnished and driven; 1,894 linear feet of cast-in-place concrete piles, furnished; 956 linear feet of cast-in-place concrete piles, driven; operating equipment, all required; 1,306 cubic yards of riprap; and electrical utilities, all required.

All work shall be completed by June 1, 1973.

Plans and specifications may be obtained by all who have a bona fide need for them for bidding purposes from the Department of Public Works, Pouch "Z" Juneau Alaska 99801. Plans may be examined at Department of Public Works, Juneau; Bornhoff & Associates, 1020 West Fireweed Lane, Anchorage; Construction Plan Bureau, Fairbanks; and AGC Offices in Fairbanks, Anchorage, and Seattle.

George W. Easley
Commissioner of Public Works

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