

GOP Goals

(30%)—"a reversal of the ordering," Kohut said. The GOP is riding high with the in the afterglow of its big n victory," he added. he poll, 57% said they are with the sweeping Republican tory, 52% approved of the legislative agenda and 62% ed that the new Congress be successful in "getting done."

In contrast, Kohut said, public n for the Democratic Party t "an all-time low." Exactly he respondents in the poll ed a favorable opinion of the as compared with 44% who negative opinion. In July, the able-unfavorable ratings 62%-34%.

The Republican Party was ed favorably by 67% in the while 27% held an unfavorable —an improvement from July the numbers were 63%-33%.

While 46% of those surveyed said they had not heard of ning House Speaker Newt rich of Georgia, 25% of those had heard of him rated him ably, while 28% rated him vorably.

n. Jesse Helms (R-N.C.), the chairman of the Foreign Re- ns Committee who made a per of controversial remarks t the President recently, had a favorable rating and a 47% vorable rating.

coming Senate Majority Lead- ob Dole of Kansas, had a 58% % favorable-unfavorable rat- virtually identical numbers a July Times Mirror poll.

Three Depleted Fishing Grounds Ordered Closed

From Associated Press

WASHINGTON—Three prime fishing grounds off New England were ordered closed by the U.S. Commerce Department on Wednesday in an effort to rebuild depleted stocks of cod, haddock and flounder.

The emergency order, which will take effect Monday, shuts off about 6,600 square miles of ocean to virtually all commercial fishing until March 12. The order could be extended after that date.

The closed areas include waters in southern New England and parts of Georges Bank, traditionally the region's most bountiful and important fishing area.

The order exempts fishermen whose by-catch, or the fish caught along with their prime catch, includes less than 5% cod, haddock or flounder. Such vessels, however, are few.

The order also bans New England fishermen, except those who catch very little cod, haddock and flounder, from using nets with mesh sizes smaller than six inches in other areas. The larger mesh allows juvenile fish to escape.

In New England, fishermen who have been struggling for years to make a living off depleted stocks reacted with alarm.

"We're starving now," said one, Christo Stamopoulos. Another, John Pereira, predicted the order would force desperate fishermen to work illegally in Canadian waters.

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