

1 IN THE SENATE BY SENATORS RYAN AND LOGAN  
2 SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 34  
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA  
4 FIRST LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION  
5 TO THE HONORABLE CHRISTIAN A. HERTER, SECRETARY OF STATE; THE  
6 HONORABLE FRED A. SEATON, SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR; THE  
7 HONORABLE E. L. BARTLETT AND THE HONORABLE ERNEST GRUENING,  
8 SENATORS FROM ALASKA; THE HONORABLE RALPH J. RIVERS, REPRESENTATIVE  
9 FROM ALASKA; AND THE INTERNATIONAL NORTH PACIFIC FISHERIES  
10 COMMISSION:

11 Your Memorialist, the Legislature of the State of Alaska  
12 in First Legislature, Second Session assembled, respectfully  
13 submits:

14 WHEREAS, there is a pressing need for conservation of fish-  
15 ery resources, sound and aggressive policy by this nation over  
16 the living sea resources lying in adjacent territorial and high  
17 seas waters is essential to that need; and

18 WHEREAS, the nations of the world are expanding their fishing  
19 activities at an alarming rate to meet the needs of their explod-  
20 ing populations; and

21 WHEREAS, some of the richest, if not the richest, living  
22 seas resources in the world lie adjacent to Alaska's coastline;  
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24 WHEREAS, the chief economy of this state, both present and  
25 future, lies in the continued development of its living seas  
26 resources on the principle of sustained yield; and

27 WHEREAS, other nations, perhaps in violation of international  
28 law, are nonetheless claiming national sovereignty in high seas  
29 areas along their coastlines; and

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WHEREAS, the United States can and has claimed title to the continental shelf lands and subsoil under the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act of 1953; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of this nation and its people to secure the continued yield of fish and other living sea resources in perpetuity through sound management and conservation by the adjacent coastal states;

NOW THEREFORE, Your Memorialist requests support and advocacy for the extension of United States jurisdiction over the living resources of the adjacent high seas by every legal means available. Your Memorialist supports and advocates both the widening of the territorial seas and the amendment of the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act of 1953 to include regulatory control of fisheries resources or either of them.