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1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 50

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 NINTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to the promulgation of federal
6 regulations which delimit what is a
7 navigable waterway.

8 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

9 WHEREAS the regional corporations and the village corporations in the
10 State of Alaska which were formed under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement
11 Act are to select land within their respective regions and to receive patents
12 to that land; and

13 WHEREAS Alaska encompasses an area containing a considerable number of
14 water bodies and waterways which may be considered navigable, and any selec-
15 tion of land by the regional and village corporations in Alaska will be
16 greatly affected by the determination of what is to constitute a navigable
17 waterway; and

18 WHEREAS the patent to many parcels of land cannot be issued until such
19 time as this issue is resolved; and

20 WHEREAS the State of Alaska was allocated land under the Statehood Act
21 and some of this land cannot be selected until such time as the questions
22 concerning navigability are settled; and

23 WHEREAS comprehensive land planning in the State of Alaska cannot take
24 place until such time as regulations on the question of navigability are
25 promulgated by the United States Department of the Interior; and

26 WHEREAS the Alaska Department of Natural Resources, Division of Lands,
27 has published guidelines for the determination of navigable waters; and

28 WHEREAS the regional corporations have for the past three years been
29 seeking guidelines from the United States Department of the Interior on the

1 question of navigable waters in the State of Alaska in order that land
2 selections could take place and the patents be received by the various en-
3 titles; and

4 WHEREAS the United States Department of the Interior has failed to issue
5 regulations which delimit what is a navigable waterway, resulting in delays
6 in land selection and land planning;

7 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the Secretary of the
8 Interior promulgate regulations which delimit what is a navigable waterway as
9 soon as possible.

10 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Thomas Kleppe,
11 Secretary, Department of the Interior; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and
12 the Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U. S.
13 Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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