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## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 50

Urging support of S. 1988.

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

WHEREAS there is pending before the Congress of the United States S. 1988 which would, if enacted, extend the United States contiguous fishing zone and also its jurisdiction of anadromous fish to approximately 200 miles; and

WHEREAS ample evidence exists that valuable coastal and anadromous species of fish and marine life off the shores of the United States, and especially those of Alaska, are in danger of being destroyed; and

WHEREAS this tragic fact is due in large part to foreign fishing efforts beyond the existing twelve-mile fisheries zone; and

WHEREAS international negotiations have thus far proved incapable of obtaining timely agreement on the protection and conservation of threatened species of fish and marine life, and there appears little likelihood that any such negotiations will bear fruit any time in the near future; and

WHEREAS the current circumstances make it almost impossible for the State of Alaska to plan realistically for and manage conservation of its marine resources, especially that of its anadromous fish;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that it respectfully urges the United States Congress to enact legislation similar to S. 1988, as originally introduced, at the

earliest possible time so that the entire domestic fishing industry of the United States, as well as that of Alaska, may be protected and conserved to the greatest extent possible; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the United States Congress is urged to amend S. 1988 to provide that the contiguous fisheries zone shall be measured by applying, where applicable, the straight-baseline concept in Alaska.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Richard M. Nixon, President of the United States; the Honorable Henry Kissinger, Secretary, Department of State; the Honorable Fredrick B. Dent, Secretary, Department of Commerce, the Honorable Warren G. Magnuson, Chairman, Senate Commerce Committee; the Honorable Leonor K. Sullivan, Chairman, House Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U. S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.