

**KENTUCKY UNITED NATIONS ASSEMBLY
OFFICIAL PROPOSAL**

Proposal #:

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Title: **An act to include Spiny Lobsters into the existing Gulf of Mexico Catch Share Program**

BE IT HEREBY ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITED NATIONS

Justification Clause: The Spiny Lobster is being over fished in the Gulf of Mexico. The catch share program currently exist and includes the Red Snapper, Grouper, and Tile Fish. The Spiny Lobster accounts for 60-65% of Cuba's gross income from fisheries. It is imperative for the sustainability of the spiny lobster that they are included in the Gulf of Mexico catch share program.

Section I: The catch share program does not cost fisherman or fisheries any additional money. Fishery managers set an overall limit of fish the fishery can catch that will leave enough in the water to sustain a healthy population. The catch limit is divided among fisherman. Each fisherman is allotted a percentage of the total catch.

Section II: With the catch share program, fisherman can fish whenever they choose to catch their fish, not just in June (open season) and November (winter mass migration) Spiny lobster bycatch will decrease while the dockside price will increase. Catch share programs have conservation and economical benefits to fisheries.

Section III: Once passed this proposal will go to the Food and Agricultural Department of the United Nations for further review, recommendations, and mandates.