KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION **KENTUCKY UNITED NATIONS ASSEMBLY** **United Nations Proposal**	**Proposal # 4** **Proposed by Belize**
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An act to end bottom trawling on the three largest Coral Reef ecosystems (Great Barrier Reef, New Caledonia Barrier Reef, and Mesoamerican Barrier Ree

Be it hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the United Nations

Justification Clause: Bottom Trawling ruins the sea floor that the coral resides on. All three Barrier Reefs provide huge economic gains in tourism money for the countries that surround them. The economy of these countries would suffer economically if the Barrier Reef continue to be damaged by bottom trawling. Healthy ecosystems provide the foundation for both economics and the multi-billion tourism industry.

Section I: The United Nations Environmental Committee will oversee writing and enforcing the recommendations for boats not to practice bottom trawling on the reefs.

Section II: Currently Belize has banned bottom trawling on parts of the Mesoamerican Barrier Reef. This ban has been helpful to preserving the ecosystem of the reef. The ban needs to encompass all parts of the three reefs to ensure a healthy ecosystem and a continued tourism attraction.

Section III: Currently, the ban of bottom trawling will be a recommendation until the Environmental Commitee convenes in Fall 2014 to write new regulations, penalties, and fines.