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I am glad that American seafood and the American seafood trade are getting attention, because this industry is vital to communities around the country, especially where I live in Massachusetts. That said, I have seen that many of the issues American fisheries currently face stem from depletion, and from the irresponsible management of fisheries and fish stocks both in the past and currently. The sustainability of American fisheries is deeply tied to the sustainability of our fish stocks. If we are going to set up this task force, it must focus on how we can help the American seafood industry by ensuring that our seafood stocks are responsibly managed for continued success. We cannot simply open up fishing grounds to as many people as possible as quickly and for as long during the season as possible; we need to think scientifically about how we can maintain these stocks for years to come, although this may well mean trading less harvest now for more later. We cannot simply milk these coastal towns and leave them to be burned out husks, devoid of industry and income in as little as five to ten years. Sustainability must be given proper thought.

Thank you for considering my comment.
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