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Ever since the early 1800s overfishing started it has been a world problem ever since and there has been a lot of problems like fish can't reproduce, and people can barely sell fish and many more. I bet you know a lot about this world problem. What would happen if overfishing got even worse? That would be terrible! We need to try to stop overfishing so in the future overfishing won't be a problem, and that is why you need to try to stop overfishing.

A lot of people around the world always try to stop overfishing. Overfishing is "catching too many fish at once" (def. org). This means that overfishing is terrible for our ocean ecosystem. With smarter management systems, known as fishing rights, we can reverse the incentives that lead to overfishing. Under fishing rights, fishermen's interests are tied to the long-term health of a fishery. Their income improves along with the fish population" (def.org). You might think overfishing is not that bad, but we are losing fish faster than you think.

We should stop overfishing because It's bad for our ocean ecosystem and people. For example, overfishing is bad for fish and the fish can't reproduce. But sadly, people still overfish a lot. "In the U.S. there has a lot of overfishing this year, ("The Five Causes of Overfishing"). People who overfish sadly don't realize what they're doing. On average between each year 63 and 273 million sharks died because of overfishing ("The Five…"). In the Late 1970s and 1980s overfishing was at its worst Increasing by a lot. When that happened in the late 1970s and the 1980s and we lost a ton of fish in the late 1970s and in the 1980s but sadly people did not care and did not realize what they were doing, and they catch a lot of unwanted fish that people did not want, and a lot of unwanted fish died ("The Five…"). As a result, the percentage of overfishing went from low to a lot after that. This is an important reason why overfishing is bad for the ocean and people. If overfishing keeps happening very soon there will be no fish in the ocean. Overfishing is bad for humans in the ocean.

Therefore, you should write legislation about waiting for fish to reproduce and limit how much fish you can catch. Waiting for fishes to reproduce will help a lot. Also, if we wait for fishes for, they can reproduce. We would have more fish in the ocean and if we had a fishing limit, we would have more fish for many times people go fishing. And if you make these legislations a lot of people will be happy. Additionally, if you make these legislations, you will be taking steps to stop overfishing. And impose a ban on fishing in international waters because according to ([Our World In Data](#)) 99% of international waters that do not belong to any single country – also called 'high seas' – are unprotected. Given the effectiveness of protected waters in saving fish population and the current lack of regulation of fishing in international waters, introducing a ban on fishing in open seas would likely be an extremely effective way to stop overfishing (Earth.org)

Legislator James Nolan, I know you love Yonkers very much as much as I do. We would love to try to stop overfishing and make sure our ocean is safe. So, keep doing your best to make sure our ocean is safe and make sure you keep making legislation to stop overfishing. You can make a lot of people happy.
Sincerely,
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