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I'm going to comment on the ecosystem amendment two. My first comment is about the sea turtle release requirements. I do think that's a wise decision to revisit that. It's not fair to tell somebody in a 30 foot boat he has to have a spare tire and all that other gear, especially if he is predominately a black sea bass fisherman or something. So that definitely needs to be revamped.

Also pertaining to sargassum weed, there should never be, in my opinion, any harvest of sargassum weed for any reason. It is one of the bases of the food chain. A lot of small animals live there.

Okay. I'm moving on to the ACL amendment.

Moderator: Okay. Hang on just a second.

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