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Mr. Cupka, Mr. Gill & Mr. Teehan,

A point I failed to mention in my public comment today is this: In 2008 NMFS Protected Resources Division initiated a ***Draft Recovery Plan for Acropora***. In spite of at least five formal requests to NMFS/PRD, the department refuses to release the report because it is in draft form. Presumably, this plan would provide the information necessary to accomplish the task at hand and give valuable insight on the impacts of the spiny lobster trap fishery on Acropora or even exonerate it. Additionally, by the time the report is finally released, it could conceivably be out of date. Please share this with your respective Council and Spiny Lobster Committee members.

Thank you,

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