## Southern New England lobster fishers escape ban

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The American Lobster Management Board, made up of representatives from each of the Eastern Seaboard states with lobster fisheries, last week shelved a proposal for a five-year ban on lobstering south of Cape Cod. Scientists recently reported to the board that the lobster population from Cape Cod to North Carolina has declined tremendously over the past several years. It recommended a five-year ban to allow lobsters to rebound. The Board rejected the ban proposal and established a committee to evaluate three alternative options: reduce the region's annual lobster catch by 75 percent, by 50 percent, or maintain the status quo. Again, short-term economics triumph over conservation. More here

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