

## Why Do Your Seafood Choices Matter?

Worldwide, the demand for seafood is increasing. Yet many populations of the large fish we enjoy eating are over-fished and, in the U.S., we import over 80% of our seafood to meet the demand. Destructive fishing and fish farming practices only add to the problem.

By purchasing fish caught or farmed using environmentally friendly practices, you're supporting healthy, abundant oceans.

## You Can Make A Difference

Support ocean-friendly seafood in three easy steps:

1. Purchase seafood from the green list or, if unavailable, the yellow list. Or look for the



Marine Stewardship Council blue eco-label in stores and restaurants.

2. When you buy seafood, ask where your seafood comes from and whether it was farmed or wild-caught.

3. Tell your friends about Seafood Watch. The more people that ask for ocean-friendly seafood, the better!

## Learn More

Our recommendations are researched by Monterey Bay Aquarium scientists. For more information about your favorite seafoods, including items not listed here, visit [seafoodwatch.org](http://seafoodwatch.org).

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## BEST CHOICES

Arctic Char (farmed)  
Barramundi (US farmed)  
Catfish (US farmed)  
Clams (farmed)  
Cobia (US farmed)  
Cod: Pacific (US bottom longline)  
Crab: Dungeness, Stone  
Halibut: Pacific (US)  
Lobster: Spiny (US)  
Mussels (farmed)  
Oysters (farmed)  
Sablefish/Black Cod (Alaska and BC)  
Salmon (Alaska wild)  
Sardines (US Pacific)  
Scallops (farmed off-bottom)  
Shrimp: Pink (OR)  
Striped Bass (farmed and wild\*)  
Tilapia (US farmed)  
Trout: Rainbow (US farmed)  
Tuna: Albacore, Skipjack,  
Yellowfin (US troll/pole)

## GOOD ALTERNATIVES

Basa/Pangasius/Swai (farmed)  
Caviar, Sturgeon (US farmed)  
Clams (wild)  
Cod: Atlantic (imported)  
Cod: Pacific (US trawled)  
Crab: Blue\*, King (US), Snow  
Flounders, Soles (Pacific)  
Flounder: Summer (US Atlantic)\*  
Grouper: Black, Red (US Gulf of Mexico)\*  
Herring: Atlantic  
Lobster: American/Maine  
Mahi Mahi (US)  
Oysters (wild)  
Pollock: Alaska  
Sablefish/Black Cod (CA, OR, WA)  
Scallops: Sea  
Shrimp (US, Canada)  
Squid  
Swordfish (US)\*  
Tilapia (Central & South America farmed)  
Tuna: Bigeye, Tongol, Yellowfin  
(troll/pole)

## AVOID

Caviar, Sturgeon\* (imported wild)  
Chilean Seabass/Toothfish\*  
Cobia (imported farmed)  
Cod: Atlantic (trawled, Canada and US)  
Crab: King (imported)  
Flounders, Halibut, Soles (US Atlantic,  
except Summer Flounder)  
Groupers (Hawaii, US Atlantic\*)  
Lobster: Spiny (Brazil)  
Mahi Mahi (imported longline)  
Marlin: Blue, Striped (Pacific)\*  
Monkfish  
Orange Roughy\*  
Salmon (farmed, including Atlantic)\*  
Sharks\* and Skates  
Shrimp (imported)  
Snapper: Red  
Swordfish (imported)\*  
Tilapia (Asia farmed)  
Tuna: Albacore\*, Bigeye\*, Skipjack,  
Tongol, Yellowfin\* (except troll/pole)  
Tuna: Bluefin\*  
Tuna: Canned (except troll/pole)

## Support Ocean-Friendly Seafood

**Best Choices** are abundant, well-managed and caught or farmed in environmentally friendly ways.

**Good Alternatives** are an option, but there are concerns with how they're caught or farmed – or with the health of their habitat due to other human impacts.

**Avoid** for now as these items are overfished or caught or farmed in ways that harm other marine life or the environment.

### Key

BC = British Columbia CA = California  
OR = Oregon WA = Washington

\* Limit consumption due to concerns about mercury or other contaminants.  
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