

# Ocean Disclosure Project 2016



## Key



Midwater trawl



Hook and lines



Long lines



Seine nets



Purse seine



Gillnets



Pots and traps



Bottom trawls



Dredge



Bycatch



Protected, endangered & threatened (PET) species









Wider food web



Benthic habitat



General notes

Fishery name and location	Fishing gear used	Certification or FIP	Category	Environmental notes
<b>Alaska pollock</b> Gulf of Alaska United States 		Certified	B	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Direct and indirect impacts of the fishery on PET species (such as Chinook salmon) have been subject to extensive research and the fishery is not considered to unacceptably impact any PET species.</li> <li>Regulations are in place that restrict trawling in certain areas, to prevent potential depletion of prey for endangered Steller sea lions.</li> <li>Most of the fishery is conducted by midwater (pelagic) trawls, and thus impacts on the seabed are minimized. Several areas in the Gulf of Alaska (GOA) region are closed to trawling, in order to protect important seabed habitats.</li> </ul>
<b>Alaska pollock</b> East Bering Sea United States 		Certified	A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Management measures to reduce bycatch - particularly bycatch of salmon species - are in place.</li> <li>Direct and indirect impacts on PET species have been subject to extensive research and considered within acceptable limits.</li> <li>Regulations limit the portion of pollock catch that may be taken within designated Steller sea lion feeding waters, in order to reduce impact on the trophic chain for this species.</li> <li>Management measures are in place to reduce the impact of bottom trawls used in this fishery.</li> </ul>
<b>Alaska pollock</b> Sea of Okhotsk Russia 		Certified	B	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Marine protected areas (MPAs) are in place to protect vulnerable species but there is a lack of evidence that a network of MPAs is protecting representative habitat functions and biodiversity.</li> <li>Bycatch and discarding is recorded, and rates are low - generally under 5%.</li> <li>No direct or indirect impacts on PET species can be attributed to the Alaska pollock fishery - no PET species in the stock area are known to be decreasing in abundance.</li> <li>Benthic habitats were first surveyed over 20 years ago in the Sea of Okhotsk. No negative changes in the ecosystem due to the fishery (either benthic or pelagic communities) have been noted, partly explained by the fishery's use of only pelagic trawls.</li> </ul>

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<b>Norway lobster</b> North Minch United Kingdom 		Not Certified or in a FIP	B	 PET species are not impacted by the fishery.  The habitat function is not undermined by the fishery.  Bottom trawls impact the benthic habitat.
<b>Norway lobster</b> South Minch United Kingdom 		Not Certified or in a FIP	B	 PET species are not impacted by the fishery.  The habitat function is not undermined by the fishery.  Bottom trawls impact the benthic habitat.
<b>Pink salmon</b> East Pacific: Annette Islands Reserve Alaska United States 	  	Certified	A	 There are no concerns regarding fishery environmental impacts to report at this time.*
<b>Pink salmon</b> East Pacific: Cook Inlet Alaska United States 	  	Certified	A	 This fishery is not believed to pose a high environmental risk.*

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<b>Pink salmon</b> East Pacific: Southeast Alaska United States 		Certified	A	 There is bycatch of Canadian sockeye stocks in this fishery that includes some stocks of regulatory concern.
<b>Pink salmon</b> East Pacific: Westward Alaska United States 	 	Certified	B	 This fishery is not believed to pose a high environmental risk.*
<b>Pink salmon</b> West Pacific: Iturup Island Sakhalin Russia 		Certified	A	 Bycatch not believed to be significant.  No direct impact on PET species.  No impact on the benthic habitat.

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<b>Plaice</b> North Sea and Skagerrak Norway, Netherlands 		Certified	A	 Bycatch and discarding rates are not systematically recorded.  Impacts on PET species not systematically recorded.  Bottom trawls impact the benthic habitat.
<b>Yellowfin sole</b> Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands United States 		Certified	A	 This fishery is not believed to pose a high environmental risk.*
<b>Yellowfin sole</b> Gulf of Alaska United States 		Not Certified or in a FIP	B	 Several area/time closures are in place in the Gulf of Alaska to protect the wider environment  There is some bycatch in this fishery, but it is recorded and managed.  Direct impacts on PET species are unlikely.
<b>Whiting</b> North Sea and Eastern English Channel United Kingdom 	 	Certified	B	 Bycatch data could be improved for all fleets. Efforts are continuing in North Sea states with assessing bycatch, developing alternative mitigation methods and developing frameworks for determining safe bycatch limits and protecting relevant habitats.

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