



## Sam's Club

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The profile below is based upon reports by participating Sam's Club suppliers in the continental US for fresh and frozen seafood in 2019, and has not been verified by third-party traceability systems.

2020

Number of wild caught species used

36

% volume from certified fisheries

57%

% volume from a FIP

43%

### Fishing Methods Used in Associated Fisheries

- |                  |                                |                            |                          |
|------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| • Midwater trawl | • Purse seine                  | • Hook and line            | • Rake / hand gathered / |
| • Bottom trawl   | • Lift nets                    | • Longlines                | hand netted              |
| • Dredge         | • Gillnets and entangling nets | • Handlines and pole-lines | • Pots and traps         |

## Summary

At Sam's Club, we know that seafood is an important source of nutrition and income for people all over the world. That's why we work with partners all along the supply chain to deliver affordable products in a way that is sustainable for both people and planet. It is our commitment to create a transparent supply chain for our members, as well as to uphold high standards for sustainability so we can do our part to help protect and preserve ocean ecosystems for future generations.

We require all of our seafood suppliers to provide detailed information on where and how each item is sourced (place of origin, catch method, scientific name and more). Their data is then reviewed by the Sustainable Fisheries Partnership (SFP). Sam's Club will only source seafood that meets our minimum sustainability requirements: certified by a third party approved by the Global Sustainable Seafood Initiative (GSSI) or in a Fishery Improvement Project, whose progress is being closely measured, reported and supported.

# Associated Fisheries



Species and Location	Production Methods	Certification or Improvement Project	Sustainability Ratings	Notes
<div></div> <div><b>Alaska pollock</b> <i>Theragra chalcogramma</i></div> <div>E Bering Sea, Gulf of Alaska</div> <div>Fishery countries: U.S.</div>	Midwater trawl	Certified	Well managed	▼

## Environmental Notes

- This fishery is unlikely to have direct impacts on PET species.
- Bycatch for this fishery is considered low and there are mitigation measures in place.
- This fishery is unlikely to have a significant impact on the sea bed.

## General Notes

- This fish plays an important role in the marine food web and so potential impacts on the wider marine ecosystem must be monitored.



**American sea scallop**

*Placopecten magellanicus*

Dredge

Certified

Well managed



**Eastern Georges Bank**

**Fishery countries:**  
Canada

**Environmental Notes**

- This fishery is unlikely to have significant impacts on PET species.
- Bycatch for this fishery is likely to be low. Furthermore, bycatch of commercial finfish is included in groundfish quotas.
- Dredges will directly impact on the sea bed.

**General Notes**

**Reference**

[Seafood Watch, 2011, Canada Atlantic Sea Scallop Seafood Watch Report](#)



**American sea scallop**

*Placopecten magellanicus*

Dredge

Certified

Well managed



**US Atlantic – Mid-Atlantic Bight**

**Fishery countries:**  
U.S.

**Environmental Notes**

- There are risks to sea turtles with this fishery, but there are mitigation measures in place.
- Bycatch is a risk in this fishery.
- Dredges will directly impact on the sea bed.

**General Notes**

- No additional notes.



**Argentine red shrimp**

*Pleoticus muelleri*

**Patagonian – Argentina inshore, Argentina offshore**

**Fishery countries:**

Bottom trawl

FIP

Managed



Environmental Notes

- There are risks to sharks and rays with this fishery.
- Bycatch of hake is a risk with this fishery.
- Bottom trawls will directly impact on the sea bed.

General Notes

References

[Fishery Progress, Argentina onshore red shrimp – bottom trawl FIP](#)

[Fishery Progress, Argentina offshore red shrimp – bottom trawl FIP](#)



Atlantic cod

*Gadus morhua*

Bottom trawl

Certified

Well managed



Barents Sea

Fishery countries:

Russia

Environmental Notes

- There are risks to protected, endangered and threatened (PET) species with this fishery, but a strategy is in place to manage and minimize impacts.
- Bycatch is a risk for this fishery, but there are management measures in place.
- Bottom trawls will directly impact on the sea bed.

General Notes

- No additional notes.



Atlantic cod

*Gadus morhua*

Bottom trawl

Certified

Well managed



Icelandic

Fishery countries:

Iceland

Environmental Notes

- This fishery is unlikely to have direct impacts on PET species.
- There is bycatch for this fishery but non-target species are retained. Management measures are in place to reduce impacts on retained species.
- Bottom trawls will directly impact on the sea bed.

General Notes

- No additional notes.



Purse seine

Certified

Well managed




<div> <div>Atlantic cod</div> <div>Gadus morhua</div> </div>					
<div> <div>North Sea, E English Channel and Skagerrak</div> </div>					
<div> <div>Fishery countries:</div> <div>Norway</div> </div>					

### Environmental Notes

- This fishery is unlikely to have a significant impact on PET species but occasional interactions with elasmobranchs (skates, rays and sharks), grey seals, and allis shad may occur.
- The main bycatch species include haddock, whiting and saithe, among others.
- No information was found regarding impacts for this gear type.

### General Notes

- No additional notes


<div> <div></div> <div>Atlantic halibut</div> <div>Hippoglossus hippoglossus</div> </div>	Longlines	Certified	Well managed	▼
<div> <div>Scotian Shelf and Southern Grand Banks</div> </div>				
<div> <div>Fishery countries:</div> <div>Canada</div> </div>				

### Environmental Notes

- Profile not yet complete.

### General Notes

- The life history characteristics of Atlantic halibut: long-lived and late maturity, increase its vulnerability to overfishing.

<div> <div></div> <div>Atlantic seabob</div> <div>Xiphopenaeus kroyeri</div> </div>	Bottom trawl	Certified	Well managed	▼
<div> <div>Guyanese</div> </div>				
<div> <div>Fishery countries:</div> <div>Guyana</div> </div>				

### Environmental Notes

- There is a risk to PET species with this fishery.
- Bycatch is a risk for this fishery, but there is insufficient data available to assess significance.
- Habitat impacts in this fishery are not well understood.

### General Notes

- This fishery was in the [Guyana Atlantic seabob – otter trawl](#) FIP which entered MSC full assessment in September 2018 and achieved MSC certification in August 2019.

References

[Fishery Progress, Guyana Atlantic seabob – otter trawl](#)



Atlantic seabob  
*Xiphopenaeus kroyeri*

Bottom trawl

Certified

Well managed



Surinamese

Fishery countries:  
Suriname

Environmental Notes

- There are risks to rays with this fishery, but there is insufficient data available to assess significance.
- There is bycatch for this fishery but non-target species are retained. Management measures are in place to reduce impacts on retained species.
- Profile not yet complete.

General Notes

- No additional notes



Atlantic surf clam  
*Spisula solidissima*

Dredge

Certified

Well managed



NW Atlantic

Fishery countries:  
U.S.

Environmental Notes

- This fishery is unlikely to impact PET species.
- Bycatch for this fishery is considered low.
- This fishery is unlikely to have a significant impact on the sea bed.

General Notes

- No additional notes



Bigeye tuna  
*Thunnus obesus*

Longlines

FIP

Managed



Western and Central  
Pacific

Fishery countries:  
Marshall Islands

Environmental Notes

- There are risks to seabirds, sea turtles and marine mammals with this fishery, but there are mitigation measures in place.

- Bycatch for this fishery includes other fish, tuna and sharks, but there are mitigation measures in place.
- This fishery is unlikely to have a significant impact on the sea bed.

General Notes

References

[Fishery Progress, Marshall Islands bigeye & yellowfin tuna – pelagic longline](#)



Blue crab

*Callinectes sapidus*

Pots and traps

FIP

Sustainability  
not rated



Mexico Gulf of Mexico

Fishery countries:

Mexico

Environmental Notes

- Profile not yet complete.

General Notes

References

[Fishery Progress, Campeche blue crab – pot/trap & ring nets](#)



Blue swimming  
crab

*Portunus pelagicus*

Gillnets and  
entangling nets

FIP

Needs  
improvement



Java Sea

Fishery countries:

Indonesia

Environmental Notes

- This fishery is unlikely to impact PET species.
- Bycatch for this fishery is considered low.
- This fishery is unlikely to have a significant impact on the sea bed.

General Notes

References

[Fishery Progress, Indonesian blue swimming crab – gillnet/trap](#)



Caribbean spiny  
lobster

*Panulirus argus*

Pots and traps

FIP

Needs  
improvement



Northern SW Atlantic

Fishery countries:

Brazil

Environmental Notes

- Profile not yet complete.

General Notes

References

[Fishery Progress, Brazil red and green lobster – trap](#)



Caribbean spiny  
lobster

*Panulirus argus*

Western Central  
Atlantic

Fishery countries:  
Bahamas

Rake / hand  
gathered / hand  
netted

Certified

Well managed



Environmental Notes

- Profile not yet complete.

General Notes

- No additional notes



Caribbean spiny  
lobster

*Panulirus argus*

Western Central  
Atlantic

Fishery countries:  
Honduras

Pots and traps

FIP

Managed



Environmental Notes

- Profile not yet complete.

General Notes

References

[Fishery Progress, Honduras Caribbean spiny lobster – trap](#)



Chum salmon

*Oncorhynchus keta*

Alaska – Southeast  
Alaska

Fishery countries:

Purse seine  
Gillnets and  
entangling nets

Certified

Well managed





Environmental Notes

- This fishery is unlikely to impact PET species.
- Bycatch for this fishery is considered low.
- This fishery is unlikely to have a significant impact on the sea bed.

General Notes

References

[Intertek Moody Marine, 2013, Alaska Salmon Fishery MSC Public Certification Report](#)



Cuata swimcrab

*Callinectes arcuatus*

Eastern Gulf of California

Fishery countries:  
Mexico

Lift nets

FIP

Needs improvement



Environmental Notes

- This fishery is unlikely to impact PET species.
- Bycatch for this fishery is considered low.
- This fishery is unlikely to have a significant impact on the sea bed.

General Notes

References

[Fishery Progress, Mexico Gulf of California swimming crab – pot/trap/ring net](#)



Dungeness crab

*Cancer magister*

Oregon

Fishery countries:  
U.S.

Pots and traps

Not certified or in a FIP

Managed



Environmental Notes

- This fishery is unlikely to impact PET species.
- Bycatch for this fishery is considered low.
- This fishery is unlikely to have a significant impact on the sea bed.

General Notes

- No additional notes



Flathead sole

Bottom trawl

Certified

Well managed



*Hippoglossoides elassodon*

Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands

Fishery countries:  
U.S.

Environmental Notes

- Profile not yet complete.

General Notes

- No additional notes



Gold-spot octopus

*Amphioctopus fangsiao*

Bottom trawl

Not certified or in a FIP

Sustainability not rated



East and South China Seas

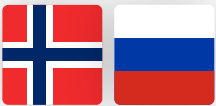
Fishery countries:  
China

Environmental Notes

- Profile not yet complete.

General Notes

- Sam's Club discontinued this item after Q1 2019.



Haddock

*Melanogrammus aeglefinus*

Bottom trawl

Certified

Well managed



Barents Sea

Fishery countries:  
Norway, Russia

Environmental Notes

- Gear specific information on interactions with PET species is limited, but an MSC condition is in place to address this.
- MSC conditions are in place to assess the impact of the fishery on bycatch species.
- Bottom trawls will directly impact on the sea bed.

General Notes

- No additional notes.



Midwater trawl

Certified

Well managed



Haddock

*Melanogrammus  
aeglefinus*

Icelandic

Fishery countries:  
Iceland

Environmental Notes

- This fishery is unlikely to impact PET species.
- Bycatch for this fishery is considered low.
- Bottom trawls will directly impact on the sea bed. Measures to protect vulnerable habitats such as cold water coral reefs are in place.

General Notes

- No additional notes.



Japanese  
threadfin bream

*Nemipterus japonicus*

Bottom trawl

FIP

Sustainability  
not rated



Western Indian  
Ocean

Fishery countries:  
India

Environmental Notes

- There are risks to marine mammals with this fishery.
- Bycatch is a risk for this fishery.
- Bottom trawls will directly impact on the sea bed. Measures to protect vulnerable habitats such as cold water coral reefs are in place.

General Notes

References

[Fishery Progress, India threadfin bream – trawl](#)



Mahi-mahi

*Coryphaena hippurus*

Longlines

FIP

Sustainability  
not rated



Eastern Pacific  
Ocean

Fishery countries:  
Costa Rica

Environmental Notes

- There are risks to turtles with this fishery, but there are mitigation measures in place.
- Bycatch for this fishery includes species of sharks, tunas and billfishes, but there are mitigation measures in place.
- This fishery is unlikely to have a significant impact on the sea bed.

General Notes

References

[Fishery Progress, Costa Rica large pelagics – longline and green stick](#)



**Mahi-mahi**

*Coryphaena hippurus*

Longlines

FIP

Sustainability  
not rated



Eastern Pacific  
Ocean

Fishery countries:  
Ecuador

**Environmental Notes**

- There are risks to turtles, sharks and seabirds with this fishery.
- Bycatch is a significant risk for this fishery.
- This fishery is unlikely to have a significant impact on the sea bed.

**General Notes**

**References**

[Fishery Progress, Ecuador mahi-mahi – longline](#)



**Mahi-mahi**

*Coryphaena hippurus*

Longlines

FIP

Sustainability  
not rated



Eastern Pacific  
Ocean

Fishery countries:  
Peru

**Environmental Notes**

- There are risks to turtles and seabirds with this fishery.
- Bycatch is a significant risk for this fishery.
- This fishery is unlikely to have a significant impact on the sea bed.

**General Notes**

**References**

[Fishery Progress, Peru mahi-mahi – longline \(WWF\)](#)



**Mahi-mahi**

*Coryphaena hippurus*

Longlines

FIP

Needs  
improvement



Western and Central  
Pacific

Fishery countries:  
Taiwan

**Environmental Notes**

- There are risks to turtles and seabirds with this fishery.
- Bycatch is a risk for this fishery but there is insufficient data available to assess significance.
- This fishery is unlikely to have a significant impact on the sea bed.

General Notes

References

[Fishery Progress, Taiwan Hsin-Kang mahi-mahi – longline](#)



Mitre squid  
*Loligo chinensis*

Purse seine

FIP

Needs  
improvement



China

Fishery countries:  
China

Environmental Notes

- There are risks to PET species with this fishery, but there is insufficient data available to assess significance.
- There is a lack of information on bycatch in this fishery.
- This fishery is unlikely to have a significant impact on the sea bed.

General Notes

References

[Fishery Progress, Shantou-Taiwan Chinese common squid – jigging/single trawl](#)



Mytilus mussels  
**nei**  
*Mytilus spp.*

Rake / hand  
gathered / hand  
netted

Not certified or in  
a FIP

Sustainability  
not rated



Chinese waters

Fishery countries:  
China

Environmental Notes

- Profile not yet complete.

General Notes

- Sam's Club discontinued this item after Q1 2019.



North Pacific hake  
*Merluccius productus*

Midwater trawl

Certified

Well managed



NE Pacific

Fishery countries:  
U.S.

Environmental Notes

- This fishery is unlikely to impact PET species.
- Bycatch in this fishery is considered low.
- This fishery is unlikely to have a significant impact on the sea bed.

General Notes

- No additional notes.



Northern brown shrimp

*Penaeus aztecus*

Northern Gulf of Mexico – Louisiana

Fishery countries:  
U.S.

Rake / hand gathered / hand netted

FIP

Needs improvement



Environmental Notes

- There are risks to sea turtles with this fishery.
- Bycatch is a risk for this fishery.
- Bottom trawls will directly impact on the sea bed.

General Notes

References

[Fishery Progress, Louisiana shrimp – otter/skimmer trawl](#)



Northern rock sole

*Lepidopsetta polyxystra*

Gulf of Alaska

Fishery countries:  
U.S.

Bottom trawl

Certified

Well managed



Environmental Notes

- Profile not yet complete.
- Bycatch is a risk for this fishery but there are mitigation measures in place.
- Bottom trawls will directly impact on the sea bed.

General Notes

- No additional notes



Northern white shrimp

*Penaeus setiferus*

Bottom trawl

FIP

Managed



Northern Gulf of Mexico – Louisiana

Fishery countries:  
U.S.

Environmental Notes

- There is potential for turtle interactions with this fishery, but excluder devices are fitted to nets for protection.
- Bycatch is a significant risk for this fishery.
- Bottom trawls will directly impact on the sea bed.

General Notes

- [NOAA FSSI 4](#): The fishery is not overfished and overfishing is not occurring and the stock biomass is at or above 80% of the biomass that produces maximum sustainable yield.

References

[Fishery Progress, Louisiana shrimp – otter/skimmer trawl FIP](#)



Pacific cod

*Gadus macrocephalus*

Bottom trawl

Certified

Well managed



Aleutian Islands

Fishery countries:  
U.S.

Environmental Notes

- There are risks to seabirds and marine mammals with this fishery, but there are mitigation measures in place.
- Bycatch for this fishery includes other fish, skates and sea birds, but there is insufficient data available to assess significance.
- Bottom trawls will directly impact on the sea bed.

General Notes

- No additional notes.



Pacific cod

*Gadus macrocephalus*

Bottom trawl

Certified

Well managed



Gulf of Alaska


Fishery countries:  
U.S.

Environmental Notes

- There are risks to seabirds and marine mammals with this fishery, but there are mitigation measures in place.
- Bycatch for this fishery is considered low.
- Bottom trawls will directly impact on the sea bed. However, management measures are in place.

General Notes

- No additional notes

	Longlines	Certified	Well managed	▼
<b>Pacific cod</b> <i>Gadus macrocephalus</i>				
<b>Karaginsky</b>				
<b>Fishery countries:</b> Russia				

Environmental Notes

- Profile not yet complete.

General Notes

- No additional notes


				
<b>Penaeus shrimps nei</b> <i>Penaeus spp.</i>				
<b>South China Sea, East China Sea</b>		Bottom trawl	Not certified or in a FIP	Sustainability not rated
<b>Fishery countries:</b> China				

Environmental Notes

- Profile not yet complete.
- Bycatch is a risk for this fishery.
- Bottom trawls will directly impact on the sea bed.

General Notes

- Sam's Club discontinued this item after Q1 2019.

				
<b>Pink salmon</b> <i>Oncorhynchus gorbuscha</i>				
<b>Southeast Alaska</b>		Purse seine	Certified	Well managed
<b>Fishery countries:</b> U.S.				

Environmental Notes

- While encounters with marine mammals and birds have been documented in the Alaskan fishery, the impact on PET species is not thought to be significant.
- There is no risk of bycatch for this fishery. Catches of other salmon species are accounted for in the pink salmon management.
- This fishery is unlikely to have a significant impact on the benthic habitat.

General Notes

References

[Intertek Moody Marine, 2013, MSC Public Certification Report for Alaska Salmon Fishery.](#)





Queen crab

Chionoecetes opilio

Pots and traps

Certified

Well managed



Alaska

Fishery countries:

U.S.

Environmental Notes

- This fishery is unlikely to impact PET species.
- Bycatch for this fishery is considered low.
- This fishery is unlikely to have a significant impact on the sea bed.

General Notes

- This fishery is certified through the Alaska Responsible Fisheries Management (RFM) Program.

References

[Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute, RFM Certification: Alaska Crab](#)



Queen crab

Chionoecetes opilio

Pots and traps

FIP

Sustainability  
not rated



Barents Sea

Fishery countries:

Norway

Environmental Notes

- Profile not yet complete.

General Notes

- This fishery was in the [Barents Sea king crab – pot/trap \(Odyssey Seafood\) FIP](#) in 2018. It entered MSC Full Assessment in March 2019.

References

[Fishery Progress, Barents Sea king crab – pot/trap \(Odyssey Seafood\) FIP](#)

[Marine Stewardship Council, Russia Barents Sea Opilio Trap](#)



Red grouper

Epinephelus morio

Gulf of Mexico and  
NW Atlantic –  
Southern Gulf of  
Mexico

Longlines

FIP

Needs  
improvement



Fishery countries:

Mexico

Environmental Notes

- There are risks to sea turtles and marine mammals with this fishery, but there is insufficient data available to assess significance.
- Bycatch is a risk for this fishery.
- Habitat impacts in this fishery are not well understood.

General Notes

References

[Fishery Progress, Mexico Yucatan red and black grouper – longline](#)



Red king crab

*Paralithodes camtschaticus*

Pots and traps

FIP

Sustainability  
not rated



Western Kamchatka

Fishery countries:  
Russia

Environmental Notes

- There is a lack of information on interactions with PET species in this fishery.
- Bycatch is a risk for this fishery, but there is insufficient data available to assess significance.
- This fishery is unlikely to have a significant impact on the sea bed.

General Notes

References

[Crab Catchers Association, Russia Far East Crab FIP](#)



Snappers nei

*Lutjanus spp.*

Aru Bay, Arafura Sea  
and Eastern of Timor  
Sea

Handlines and  
pole-lines

FIP

Sustainability  
not rated



Fishery countries:  
Indonesia

Environmental Notes

- This fishery is unlikely to have a significant impact on the sea bed.
- Profile not yet complete.

General Notes

References

[Fishery Progress, Indonesia Aru and Arafura demersal fish – longline](#)



Sockeye salmon

Gillnets and  
entangling nets

Certified

Well managed



*Oncorhynchus nerka*

Alaska – Bristol Bay

Fishery countries:  
U.S.

Environmental Notes

- This fishery is unlikely to impact PET species.
- Bycatch for this fishery is considered low.
- This fishery is unlikely to have a significant impact on the benthic habitat.

General Notes

References

[Intertek Moody Marine, 2013, MSC Public Certification Report for the Alaska Salmon Fishery](#)



Walleye

*Sander vitreus*

Lake Erie western and central

Gillnets and entangling nets

Certified

Well managed



Fishery countries:  
Canada

Environmental Notes

- There are risks to PET species with this fishery, but there is insufficient data available to assess significance.
- There is a lack of information on bycatch in this fishery.
- Profile not yet complete.

General Notes

- No additional notes



Yellowfin sole

*Limanda aspera*

Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands

Bottom trawl

Certified

Well managed



Fishery countries:  
U.S.

Environmental Notes

- This fishery is unlikely to impact PET species.
- Bycatch for this fishery is considered low.
- Bottom trawls will directly impact on the sea bed.

General Notes

- [NOAA FSSI 4](#): The fishery is not overfished and overfishing is not occurring and the stock biomass is at or above 80% of the biomass that produces maximum sustainable yield.

References

[MRAG Americas, 2015, MSC Public Certification Report for Bering Sea-Aleutian Islands Alaska Flatfish Fishery](#)



**Yellowfin tuna**  
*Thunnus albacares*

Western and Central  
Pacific Ocean –  
Parties to the Nauru  
Agreement (PNA)

Fishery countries:  
Kiribati, Marshall Islands,  
Micronesia, Nauru,  
Papua New Guinea

Purse seine

Certified

Well managed



Environmental Notes

- There are risks to seabirds, sea turtles and marine mammals with this fishery.
- Bycatch is a risk for this fishery.
- This fishery is unlikely to have a significant impact on the sea bed.

General Notes

- No additional notes.



**Yellowfin tuna**  
*Thunnus albacares*

Western and Central  
Pacific Ocean

Fishery countries:  
Vietnam

Hook and line  
Longlines

FIP

Managed



Environmental Notes

- There are risks to seabirds, sea turtles and marine mammals with this fishery, but there are mitigation measures in place.
- Bycatch is a risk for this fishery, but there is insufficient data available to assess significance.
- This fishery is unlikely to have a significant impact on the sea bed.

General Notes

References

[Fishery Progress, Vietnam yellowfin tuna – longline/handline](#)



**Yellowfin tuna**  
*Thunnus albacares*

Western and Central  
Pacific Ocean –  
WCPFC

Fishery countries:

Longlines

Certified

Well managed



Environmental Notes

- There are risks to seabirds, sea turtles and marine mammals with this fishery, but there are mitigation measures in place.
- Bycatch is a risk for this fishery, but there is insufficient data available to assess significance.
- This fishery is unlikely to have a significant impact on the sea bed.

General Notes

- No additional notes



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