

End of the Line...

How commercial fishing is devastating the world's oceans

This huge tuna weighs over 300lbs and has roamed the oceans for decades. Tuna and mayo to go... possibly forever.

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Due to the extreme pressure change that occurs when they are rapidly pulled from ocean depths, the eyes of these fish have bulged out like marbles and quite possibly their swim bladders have exploded.

“Commercial fishing operations are exceeding the ocean’s ecological limits”

United Nations

Almost all of the world’s fish stocks are in serious trouble because of over fishing. Once teeming schools of cod off Canada have disappeared and those off the coast of the U.S. are collapsing. Bluefin tuna, sharks, many kinds of West Coast rockfish are in steep decline.

A global study found that 90% of all large fishes have disappeared from the world’s oceans in the past half century as the result of industrial fishing, including sharks, swordfish, tuna and marlin.

Even more shocking, 2.3 billion pounds of sea life were discarded in U.S. waters in 2000 alone and thousands of animals of many different species, including sea turtles, marine mammals, sharks and sea birds, are ‘accidentally’ killed each year by fishing nets, lines and hooks.

Monterey Bay Aquarium estimates suggest that for every pound of shrimp caught in a trawl net, an average of 2 to 10 pounds of other marine life is caught and discarded overboard as by-catch, most of which is dead or dying.

There are no laws governing the slaughter of fish – and they do feel pain! According to Dr. Donald Broom, a scientific advisor to the British government, **“The scientific literature is quite clear. Anatomically, physiologically and biologically, the pain system in fish is virtually the same as in birds and animals.”**

They clearly suffer a great deal as they are dragged from the deep to be suffocated in an alien environment or gutted while alive and struggling.

You don’t have to wait for the government to act – do your part to help the animals of the sea. Stop eating fish! Sea life, not sea food – it’s as easy as that!

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