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## **BEST CHOICE**

Arctic char

Bass (farmed from US or Mexico)

Catfish (farmed from US)

Clams (farmed)

Cod: Pacific (from AK)

Crab: king (from AK)

Lionfish

Lobster: spiny (from Mexico)

Mussels (farmed) Oysters (farmed)

Rockfish (from US) Sablefish/black cod (from AK pots)

Salmon (farmed from New Zealand)

Scallops (farmed) Seaweed (farmed)

Shrimp (farmed from US)

Sole (from US)

Squid (from CA)

Swordfish (from US buoy gear, harpoon, or

pole-&-line)

Trout: rainbow (farmed from US) Tuna: albacore/white (troll or pole-&-line)

Tuna: skipjack/chunk light (Pacific troll or

pole-&-line)

## GOOD **ALTERNATIVE**

Clams (wild from US or Canada)

Crab: southern king (from Argentina)

Drum: black (from US) Flounder: southern (from US)

Lobster: spiny (from US or Mexico)

Mackerel (from Ecuador, Japan, or Morocco)

Mahi-mahi (from US)

Oysters (wild from US)

Sablefish/black cod (all other gear types)

Salmon (wild from US)

Salmon: Atlantic (farmed from ME or

Faroe Islands)

Sardine (from Japan or Morocco)

Shrimp (wild from US or Canada; farmed from Ecuador, Honduras, or Thailand)

Snapper (from US)

Swordfish (imported harpoon, pole-&-line; from US gillnet or longline)

Tilapia (from Colombia, Honduras, Indonesia, Mexico, or Taiwan)

Trout: rainbow (from Canada)

Tuna: bigeye (from HI)

Tuna: canned (check label for pole-&-line, troll-caught, FAD-free, or free school)

Tuna: yellowfin/ahi (from US; from Atlantic or Pacific free school)

## **AVOID**

Basa/pangasius/swai

Branzino/seabass (farmed from

Mediterranean

Chilean seabass (from Chile)

Cod: Atlantic (gillnet, longline, or trawl)

Crab (from Asia)

Crab: snow (from Canada) Eel (imported farmed)

Lobster: American (from US or Canada)

Mahi-mahi (imported)

Octopus Orange roughy

Salmon (farmed from Canada, Chile,

Norway, or Scotland)

Sharks

Shrimp (all other imported options)

Squid (imported)

Swordfish (imported gillnet or longline)

Tilapia (from China)

Trout: rainbow (from Chile)

Tuna: bluefin

Tuna (from Indian Ocean) Tuna (all other options)

# How to use this guide

## **BEST CHOICE**

Buy first. It is well managed and caught or farmed in an environmentally responsible manner.

#### **GOOD ALTERNATIVE**

Buy if a Best Choice option is not available. There are moderate environmental concerns.

### **AVOID**

Pass on this seafood for now. It's caught or farmed in ways that harm marine life or the environment.

This list does not reflect all recommendations, exceptions may apply. View the full list on SeafoodWatch.org.

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