



NOAA Fish Watch



Funding: Although there have been several million dollar private grants issued, Fish Watch is primarily a federally funded program.

Fisherman: NOAA has put forth an off shore farm bill with the hopes that their plan will better control wild fish stock around the world. This process has been controversial with fisherman from different sides of the industry on opposite sides of the issue.

Mission: Fish Watch is a program designed to help educate consumers on sustainable choices. The data provided on the site seems to be the most comprehensive available. There is a wealth of research both on fish species and fishing practices. The group also sets the general standards for sustainability to include species bio-mass index, years to sexual maturity, manner of fishing and protein requirements to sustain farmed populations.

History: Fish Watch is part of NOAA. NOAA is a government agency within the United States Department of Commerce. NOAA was founded in 1807 when the nation's first scientific agency, The Survey of the Coasts was established.

Transparency: Fish Watch, as a part of a government agency is set up in a standard government website format.

Locally: There are NOAA offices located throughout the U.S. including Washington D.C. and Annapolis MD.



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