

Too much seafood?

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Do you like seafood or have a pet fish? Have you ever thought of how much fish fishermen take? Well, overfishing is when too many fish get taken from the sea. Overfishing is illegal but fishermen go into international waters to avoid the law because people can do anything in international waters.

When did overfishing start? It started in the 1800s, the first form of overfishing was taking blubber from whales for oil lamps. Overfishing today is worse than ever before. Fishermen now have vessels that carry 3,000 tons of fish.

A lot of people ask, "who do I blame?" Usually people blame the person that is fishing, but actually it is the consumer's fault. The reason why it's the consumer's fault is if people did not have the high demand for seafood, there would not be overfishing today.

Where does overfishing happen? Usually, all over the world. But a location that sticks out like a sore thumb, Ireland! The reason Ireland is a popular location is because using fish in meals is an etiquette dish there. One of the many Irish seafood dishes is Irish chowder.

The reason why overfishing happens is because the high demand of fish in a bunch of countries. Overfishing happens because a lot of countries have fish as a main dish.

I think we should have a limit on fishing for fishermen. Also, I think the international waters need a little bit more security to make sure no one without a license fishes out there. In my eyes security should look like the Coast Guard regularly checking international waters.

In conclusion, the environment and I wish there was a way to stop overfishing. Using the materials we have today, it should be easier for us to achieve this goal.