

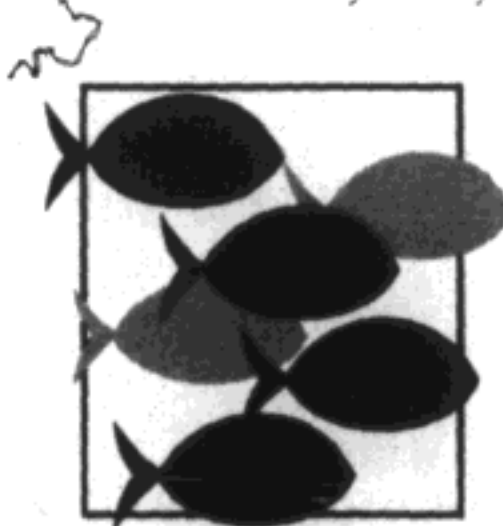
ALASKA'S COASTAL COMMUNITIES AT RISK?

The North Pacific, once considered inexhaustible, is at risk. The ecosystem is showing clear signs of stress in declines of regional marine mammal and bird populations, especially those that depend on commercially important fish for food. In some areas of the Bering Sea and Gulf of Alaska, king crab, opilio and bairdi tanner crab, shrimp, pollock, pacific ocean perch, halibut and greenland turbot are also in decline, resulting in reduced fishing time or complete fishery closures.

Overfishing, unselective catch of hundreds of millions of pounds of fish as bycatch, waste, and government mismanagement are threatening the ocean. Fisheries and ecosystems that have sustained coastal communities for generations are at risk. We don't want what has happened with

the New England fisheries crisis to happen here.

You can help! Senator Ted Stevens and Representative Don Young can make a difference — but *only if they hear from you*. Senator Stevens and Representative Young chair the committees in Congress responsible for reforming the Magnuson Act, our nation's primary fisheries law. But time is short and they need to hear from you today!



**Marine Fish
Conservation Network**

Urge them to make our fisheries and oceans healthy and productive by voting to:

- **Clearly establish conservation over economics as the top priority of the Act by determining fishing levels based on sound management practices, not short-term economic factors and profits;**
- **Stop the needless bycatch and waste caused by indiscriminate fishing practices;**
- **Reform Fishery Management Councils to make them responsive to the public interest, not big business interests; and**
- **Protect habitat essential to all life stages of fish from destructive development activities.**

Coastal communities and cultures, tens of thousands of jobs, a source of recreation for millions, and the health of the oceans depend upon it.

**CALL OR FAX SENATOR STEVENS TODAY AT
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**AND REPRESENTATIVE YOUNG AT
202/225-5765; 202/225-0425 (fax)**

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Kodiak Conservation Network • North Pacific Fisheries Protection Association • Trustees for Alaska