

# Activity: Research a Fish

## Objective:

Determine the environmental needs and impacts of fishing on a commercially harvested fish species. Educate the rest of your class on this fish species by creating a one-page poster. Your poster should include the information listed below and at least one picture of your fish species.

## Research:

Research a commercially harvested fish from the following site:

<https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/fish-sharks>. You can choose one that you like to eat, have heard of before, or just think looks interesting.

During your research, find answers to the following questions:

- Where is it found in the wild?
- What type of habitat requirements does it have?
- What is its endangered/protected status?
- How have humans impacted this fish's habitat?
- What is its fishing status? (Is it overfished or does it have a healthy population size?)
- Are there any bycatch threats?
- What is this fish used for? (Fresh meat, frozen, oil, roe, etc.)

## Notes:

# Grading Rubric for Fish Research

Criteria	Score				
<b>Content</b>	All content is included & correct (15 pts)	Most content is included and correct (10 pts)	Some content is included, or some content correct (5 pts)	Little content is included or several mistakes (3 pts)	No text or incorrect text (0 pts)
<b>Images</b>	Image(s) are included and are relevant to the information (5 pts)		No images or incorrect images (0 pts)		
<b>Grammar &amp; Spelling</b>	No grammar, punctuation & spelling mistakes (10 pts)	1-2 grammar, punctuation & spelling mistakes (7 pts)	3-4 grammar, punctuation & spelling mistakes (3 pts)		5+ grammar, punctuation & spelling mistakes (0 pts)