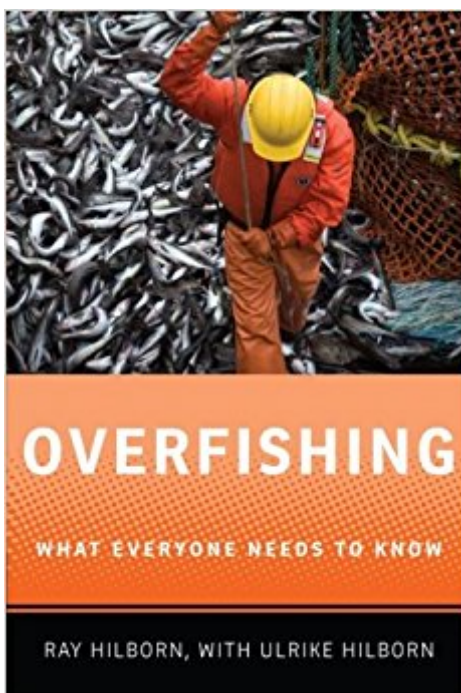


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# Overfishing: What Everyone Needs To Know™



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Over the past twenty years considerable public attention has been focused on the decline of marine fisheries, the sustainability of world fish production, and the impacts of fishing on marine ecosystems. Many have voiced their concerns about marine conservation, as well as the sustainable and ethical consumption of fish. But are fisheries in danger of collapse? Will we soon need to find ways to replace this food system? Should we be worried that we could be fishing certain species to extinction? Can commercial fishing be carried out in a sustainable way? While overblown prognoses concerning the dire state of fisheries are plentiful, clear scientific explanations of the basic issues surrounding overfishing are less so - and there remains great confusion about the actual amount of overfishing and its ecological impact. *Overfishing: What Everyone Needs to Know*® will provide a balanced explanation of the broad issues associated with overfishing. Guiding readers through the scientific, political, economic, and ethical issues associated with harvesting fish from the ocean, it will provide answers to questions about which fisheries are sustainably managed and which are not. Ray and Ulrike Hilborn address topics including historical overfishing, high seas fisheries, recreational fisheries, illegal fishing, climate and fisheries, trawling, economic and biological overfishing, and marine protected areas. In order to illustrate the effects of each of these issues, they will incorporate case studies of different species of fish. Overall, the authors present a hopeful view of the future of fisheries. Most of the world's fisheries are not overfished, and many once overfished stocks are now rebuilding. In fact, we can learn from the management failures and successes to ensure that fisheries are sustainable and contribute to national wealth and food security. Concise and clear, this book presents a compelling "big picture" of the state of oceans and the solutions to ending overfishing. *What Everyone Needs to Know*® is a registered trademark of Oxford University Press.

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"A lucid explication of a highly tangled issue...after years of bitter argument, this noncontentious book should be welcomed by anyone who cares about fish." --New York Times  
"In his compact new book, Ray Hilborn (helped with his writer wife, Ulrike) clearly explains a complex situation and the importance of international sustainable fishing." --Booklist

Good book. Doesn't derive its information from subjectiveness and emotions like organizations GreenPeace & PETA. Considers fishery related topics logically and realistically. Easy read, and not very long. Keeps you interested.

I bought this because my ESL student is attending an International Fisheries conference where one of the keynote speakers is Ray Hilborn. We are studying it together and I find it well written & informative! Very interesting! English is my first language and it's written in a wonderful, informative style. I think ESL persons need at least an intermediate to advanced level of English comprehension to grasp the book in its entirety.

Ray Hilborn explains the actual status of overfishing, how it began and how the actual fishery managers deal with it. He shows that more and more fisheries worldwide are fished using maximum

sustainable yield. But there is still some concern and we have to continue limiting the world wide fishing capacity and the fishing pressure. Wonderful book, that everyone should read.

This is a really good primer for anyone interested in or studying fisheries management. It gives a very general introduction to all the issues. The discussion of marine protected areas and protected species is rather limited and could be rounded out. However, it's an easy read and thoughtful overview of all the major issues facing global fisheries

Informative, touches most of the bases but covers too much territory and not enough information on each of the many categories.

at the beginning it seemed to me as an "instant book" but it's an excellent baseline for fisheries studies

Thank you - item as expected

This book discusses fishing in regards to the "maximum sustainable yield". This means the maximum yield that can be sustained, given today's fish populations. It nearly entirely disregards the catastrophic population reductions that have occurred over the past few centuries. Today's populations are as little as less than one percent of the populations that existed 500 years ago. Many creatures are extinct or severely endangered. "Overfishing, What everyone needs to know" seems to me to be a blatant attempt to convince people everything is okay, when almost nothing actually is. For a more accurate overview of the situation, I recommend these books: *The Most Important Fish in the Sea: Menhaden and America*, *Cod: A Biography of the Fish that Changed the World*, *The Unnatural History of the Sea*, *Four Fish: The Future of the Last Wild Food*, *The End of the Line: How Overfishing Is Changing the World and What We Eat*, *The Big Oyster: History on the Half Shell*. In addition to the inaccurate assessment of the state of the world's fisheries, much of this book has such poor grammar that it is almost nonsensical. It makes me wonder whether the author used nonsense to deliberately obfuscate the issues he's trying to describe. Overall, I found this book insulting to my intelligence and the good work of researchers around the world.

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