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[Federal Register](#) Springer Nature
In *Eating the Ocean* Elspeth Probyn investigates the profound importance of the ocean and the future of fish and human entanglement. On her ethnographic journey around the world's oceans and fisheries, she finds that the ocean is being simplified in a food politics that is overwhelmingly land based and preoccupied with buzzwords like "local" and "sustainable." Developing a conceptual tack that combines critical analysis and embodied ethnography, she dives into the lucrative and endangered bluefin tuna market, the gendered politics of "sustainability," the

ghoulish business of producing fish meal and fish oil for animals and humans, and the long history of encounters between humans and oysters. Seeing the ocean as the site of the entanglement of multiple species—which are all implicated in the interactions of technology, culture, politics, and the market—enables us to think about ways to develop a reflexive ethics of taste and place based in the realization that we cannot escape the food politics of the human-fish relationship.

[The End of the Line](#) Duke University Press

Weaknesses in understanding of tuna distributions and movements have constrained the development of rational management policies. Uncertainties exist in: the selection of management

plans and catch and effort data that are representative of a stock; quantification of exchange of adults among management jurisdictions and fishing gears; and identification of the relationships between the environment and tuna movements. This report summarizes a series of discussions between a panel and groups of experts on how to increase understanding of these and other tuna problems. We discuss the uncertainties in current management policy caused by lack of understanding of tuna movement dynamics. We describe and evaluate the research approaches presently used to describe the movements of tunas--mark and recapture and acoustic tracking--and those which might be used or are just being applied, including new tagging

systems, measurement of physiological state and microconstituents of mineralized tissue. Actions needed to improve the knowledge of tuna movements are: 1) establish international arrangements to share tuna movement data, to analyse movements on an oceanwide and worldwide basis and to link international oceanographic programs; 2) increase number and kinds of observations of movements of tuna in the vertical plane; 3) develop and use technology for tracing the actual paths followed by tunas over extended periods and for measuring movements independent of the fishery; and 4) conduct intensive studies on tuna movement dynamics which combine old with the new technologies discussed in the report.

Environmental Assessment to Revise the United States Commercial Fishery Regulations in Accordance with Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission Resolution for the Conservation and Management of Pacific Bluefin Tuna in the Eastern Pacific Ocean (C-13-02)
Penguin

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global fisheries—and a radical way to turn it around. Starting with the rapid expansion that followed World War II, he traces the arc of the fishing industry's ensuing demise, offering insights into how and why it has failed. With clear, convincing prose, he draws on decades of research to provide an up-to-date assessment of ocean health and an analysis of the issues that have contributed to the current crisis, including globalization, massive underreporting of catch, and the phenomenon of "shifting baselines," in which, over time, important knowledge is lost about the state of the natural world."--

The Ocean of Life U of Minnesota Press
"Daniel Pauly is a friend whose work has inspired me for years." —Ted Danson,

actor, ocean activist, and co-author of Oceana "This wonderfully personal and accessible book by the world's greatest living fisheries biologist summarizes and expands on the causes of collapse and the essential actions that will be required to rebuild fish stocks for future generations." —Dr. Jeremy Jackson, ocean scientist and author of Breakpoint

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where small-scale fisheries can supply the majority of the world's fish.

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Overfishing Greystone Books Ltd

This open access book is an original contribution to the knowledge on fishing and research associated with one of the most enigmatic fish of our seas: bluefin tuna, *Thunnus thynnus* (L.). Based on available evidence, it reconstructs the possible methods used to catch large spawners in the Strait of Gibraltar thousands of years ago and describes the much more recent overfishing that led to a great reduction in the catches of the trap fishery on the area and the disappearance of the northern European fisheries. It is the first book to relate the overfishing of juvenile fishes in certain

areas to the decline of large spawners in other very distant areas, revealing one of the main underlying causes of this decline, which has remained a mystery to the fishing sector and scientists alike for over 50 years. This finding should serve to prevent similar cases from arising in the future.

Southern Bluefin Tuna Aquaculture Strategic R&D Plan 2001-2006 Mark S Decker

The most thorough and current account of scientific research on bluefin tunas—the largest, most sought-after tunas in the world Bluefin tunas are dominant keystone predators known for their impressive size, strength, endurance, and speed. Electronic tags have revealed that they can dive to great depths (over 6000 feet) and

migrate vast distances—from frigid subpolar seas to warm tropical waters—for spawning. Prized for their rich taste and unique texture, bluefin tunas are also a worldwide commodity of great value. However, over the past few decades, overfishing throughout their range has led to significant population reductions. In *The Future of Bluefin Tunas*, Barbara A. Block brings together renowned bluefin experts from 15 different countries to share the latest information on the science, fisheries policy, and management decisions related to each of the three species within the *Thunnus* group—Atlantic, Pacific, and Southern. Synthesizing basic and applied research, the book delves into every aspect of these majestic fish, from their life history and genetic

makeup to their ecology and migrations. Ichthyologists and marine scientists dedicated to the study of these fishes report on the latest stock assessments, explore the results of advances such as biologging and DNA sampling, and assess the potential of bluefin tuna aquaculture. *The Future of Bluefin Tunas* provides critical research findings to inform decisions that will impact tunas and the ocean ecosystems they affect. Scientists, fisheries managers, policymakers, and marine conservationists will take away key data from this timely volume to help them ensure these remarkable fish continue in perpetuity.

Governing Oceans in a Time of Change
Springer

A rollicking exploration of the history and

future of our favorite foods When we humans love foods, we love them a lot. In fact, we have often eaten them into extinction, whether it is the megafauna of the Paleolithic world or the passenger pigeon of the last century. In *Lost Feast*, food expert Lenore Newman sets out to look at the history of the foods we have loved to death and what that means for the culinary paths we choose for the future. Whether it's chasing down the luscious butter of local Icelandic cattle or looking at the impacts of modern industrialized agriculture on the range of food varieties we can put in our shopping carts, Newman's bright, intelligent gaze finds insight and humor at every turn. Bracketing the chapters that look at the history of our relationship to specific foods, Lenore

enlists her ecologist friend and fellow cook, Dan, in a series of "extinction dinners" designed to recreate meals of the past or to illustrate how we might be eating in the future. Part culinary romp, part environmental wake-up call, *Lost Feast* makes a critical contribution to our understanding of food security today. You will never look at what's on your plate in quite the same way again.

The Dynamics of Tuna Movements

Farrar, Straus and Giroux

The Physiological Ecology of Tunas documents the proceedings of the Tuna Physiology Workshop held at the National Marine Fisheries Service Southwest Fisheries Center at La JoDa, California, January 10-15, 1977. The contributions made by researchers at the workshop are organized into seven

chapters. The first chapter includes studies on the morphological diversity and muscle-tissue-specific enzymatic attributes of scombrids. Papers in the second chapter deal with the integrated aspects of tuna behavior and capabilities that result from their complex cardiovascular system. The third chapter contains studies on skipjack tuna white muscle and the locomotor muscles of *Scomber* and *Katsuwonus*. The fourth chapter focuses on the thermal biology of tunas while the fifth chapter examines the hydromechanics of tuna propulsion. The sixth chapter provides information on energetic costs of tunas, and observations on physiological demands and correlates. It culminates with a conceptual model for the complex life cycle of the extant "ultimate tuna," the

Atlantic bluefin tuna. The seventh chapter discusses applications of tuna physiology studies.

Four Fish Elsevier

Atlantic Bluefin tuna (ABFT) (*Thunnus thynnus*) spawn in the warm oligotrophic regions of the Gulf of Mexico (GoM) where zooplankton biomass is on average low and highly variable. Consequently, their larvae are thought to be highly susceptible to starvation. Mortality during the larval stage of marine fish is considered a key source of variability in recruitment and thus is important to quantify for sustainable fisheries management. However, estimating larval mortality in the field is a major challenge because of the ocean's moving reference frame. In this work I develop a three-dimensional

physical-biogeochemical model (PBM) to estimate prey (zooplankton) biomass for larval ABFT and couple this model with a Lagrangian, individual based, bioenergetics model to evaluate growth and mortality rates of larval ABFT in the GoM during the spawning periods from 1993-2012. Based on mesozooplankton diet estimated by the PBM, microbial and protistan food webs are deemed important for sustaining mesozooplankton biomass in the GoM, which serves as the primary food source for larval tuna. Starvation was found to be the main source of larval mortality during annual spawning periods for ABFT. However, predation was ultimately found to limit survival of older larvae and hence may explain why adults choose to spawn in the open-ocean GoM despite

the poor feeding conditions for first feeding larvae. In addition, entrainment of shelf water into the open-ocean GoM by mesoscale eddies is shown to be important for supporting first feeding larvae and may further explain why spawning occurs in the open ocean GoM and not in other regions with similar temperature and zooplankton biomass. Finally, the impact of projected future warming was assessed using downscaled climate simulations for the late 21st century. It is shown that survival is likely to decrease in future climate scenarios, primarily as a result of higher rates of starvation for first feeding larvae, even though growth of older larvae was found to be substantially higher. In addition to studying larval ecology, ocean modeling tools like the ones integrated in this

research provide a useful framework for including ecosystem based management into management of important fisheries like ABFT.

Vanishing Fish Edward Elgar Publishing Shifting Baselines explores the real-world implications of a groundbreaking idea: we must understand the oceans of the past to protect the oceans of the future. In 1995, acclaimed marine biologist Daniel Pauly coined the term "shifting baselines" to describe a phenomenon of lowered expectations, in which each generation regards a progressively poorer natural world as normal. This seminal volume expands on Pauly's work, showing how skewed visions of the past have led to disastrous marine policies and why historical perspective is critical to revitalize

fisheries and ecosystems. Edited by marine ecologists Jeremy Jackson and Enric Sala, and historian Karen Alexander, the book brings together knowledge from disparate disciplines to paint a more realistic picture of past fisheries. The authors use case studies on the cod fishery and the connection between sardine and anchovy populations, among others, to explain various methods for studying historic trends and the intricate relationships between species. Subsequent chapters offer recommendations about both specific research methods and effective management. This practical information is framed by inspiring essays by Carl Safina and Randy Olson on a personal experience of shifting baselines and the importance of human stories in

describing this phenomenon to a broad public. While each contributor brings a different expertise to bear, all agree on the importance of historical perspective for effective fisheries management. Readers, from students to professionals, will benefit enormously from this informed hindsight.

The Bluefin Tuna Fishery in the Bay of Biscay
Penguin

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.

Ocean Recovery Island Press

The highly acclaimed exploration of sushi's surprising history, global business, and international allure One generation ago, sushi's narrow reach ensured that sports fishermen who caught tuna in most of parts of the world sold the meat for pennies as cat food. Today, the fatty cuts of tuna known as toro are among the planet's most coveted luxury foods, worth hundreds of dollars a pound and capable of losing value more quickly than any other product on earth. So how did one of the world's most popular foods go from being practically unknown in the United

States to being served in towns all across America, and in such a short span of time? A riveting combination of culinary biography, behind-the-scenes restaurant detail, and a unique exploration of globalization's dynamics, the book traces sushi's journey from Japanese street snack to global delicacy. After traversing the pages of *The Sushi Economy*, you'll never see the food on your plate—or the world around you—quite the same way again.

Working Towards a Blue Future: Promoting Sustainability, Environmental Protection and Marine Management: Examples from the UK Government Blue Belt Programme and Current International Initiatives Oxford University Press, USA

Fish are one of the most important global food sources, supplying a significant share of the world's protein consumption. From stocks of wild Alaskan salmon and North Sea cod to entire fish communities with myriad species, fisheries require careful management to ensure that stocks remain productive, and mathematical models are essential tools for doing so. *Fish Ecology, Evolution, and Exploitation* is an authoritative introduction to the modern size- and trait-based approach to fish populations and communities. Ken Andersen covers the theoretical foundations, mathematical formulations, and real-world applications of this powerful new modeling method, which is grounded in the latest ecological theory and population biology. He begins with

fundamental assumptions on the level of individuals and goes on to cover population demography and fisheries impact assessments. He shows how size- and trait-based models shed new light on familiar fisheries concepts such as maximum sustainable yield and fisheries selectivity—insights that classic age-based theory can't provide—and develops novel evolutionary impacts of fishing. Andersen extends the theory to entire fish communities and uses it to support the ecosystem approach to fisheries management, and forges critical links between trait-based methods and evolutionary ecology. Accessible to ecologists with a basic quantitative background, this incisive book unifies the thinking in ecology and fisheries science and is an indispensable

reference for anyone seeking to apply size- and trait-based models to fish demography, fisheries impact assessments, and fish evolutionary ecology.

The Sushi Economy Cambridge University Press

“A necessary book for anyone truly interested in what we take from the sea to eat, and how, and why.” —Sam Sifton, *The New York Times Book Review*
Acclaimed author of *American Catch* and *The Omega Principle* and life-long fisherman, Paul Greenberg takes us on a journey, examining the four fish that dominate our menus: salmon, sea bass, cod, and tuna. Investigating the forces that get fish to our dinner tables, Greenberg reveals our damaged relationship with the ocean and its

inhabitants. Just three decades ago, nearly everything we ate from the sea was wild. Today, rampant overfishing and an unprecedented biotech revolution have brought us to a point where wild and farmed fish occupy equal parts of a complex marketplace. *Four Fish* offers a way for us to move toward a future in which healthy and sustainable seafood is the rule rather than the exception.

A Future for Atlantic Bluefin Tuna

Academic Press

Ninety percent of the large fish in the world's oceans have disappeared in the past half century, causing the collapse of fisheries along with numerous fish species. In this hard-hitting, provocative exposé, Charles Clover reveals the dark underbelly and hidden costs of putting

food on the table at home and in restaurants. From the Tsukiji fish market in Tokyo to a seafood restaurant on the North Sea and a trawler off the coast of Spain, Clover pursues the sobering truth about the plight of fish. Along with the ecological impact wrought by industrial fishing, he reports on the implications for our diet, particularly our need for omega-3 fatty acids. This intelligent, readable, and balanced account serves as a timely warning to the general public as well as to scientists, regulators, legislators--and all fishing enthusiasts. *Modeling Pelagic Ecosystems and Larval Atlantic Bluefin Tuna Dynamics in the Gulf of Mexico Under Current and Future Climate Conditions* Workman Publishing Company
Illuminating the conditions for global

governance to have precipitated the devastating decline of one of the ocean's most majestic creatures. The International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT) is the world's foremost organization for managing and conserving tunas, seabirds, turtles, and sharks traversing international waters. Founded by treaty in 1969, ICCAT stewards what has become under its tenure one of the planet's most prominent endangered fish: the Atlantic bluefin tuna. Called "red gold" by industry insiders for the exorbitant price her ruby-colored flesh commands in the sushi economy, the giant bluefin tuna has crashed in size and number under ICCAT's custodianship. With regulations to conserve these sea creatures in place for

half a century, why have so many big bluefin tuna vanished from the Atlantic? In *Red Gold*, Jennifer E. Telesca offers unparalleled access to ICCAT to show that the institution has faithfully executed the task assigned it by international law: to fish as hard as possible to grow national economies. ICCAT manages the bluefin not to protect them but to secure export markets for commodity empires—and, as a result, has become complicit in their extermination. The decades of regulating fish as commodities have had disastrous consequences. Amid the mass extinction of all kinds of life today, *Red Gold* reacquaints the reader with the splendors of the giant bluefin tuna through vignettes that defy technoscientific and market rationales.

Ultimately, this book shows, changing the way people value marine life must come not only from reforming ICCAT but from transforming the dominant culture that consents to this slaughter.

Giant Bluefin Penguin

This elegantly written and compelling work portrays the way the Japanese demand for giant bluefin tuna has altered the lives of Cape Cod fishermen. In telling the story of one man's passionate hunt for giant bluefin, Douglas Whyntott details the competition and camaraderie in the bluefin fishery, the pressures of a conservationist movement seeking to limit the bluefin harvest, and the struggle of the fisherman himself against "the wild horses of [the] fish species."

World Without Fish Frontiers Media SA

A Silent Spring for oceans, written by "the Rachel Carson of the fish world" (The New York Times) Who can forget the sense of wonder with which they discovered the creatures of the deep? In this vibrant hymn to the sea, Callum Roberts—one of the world's foremost conservation biologists—leads readers on a fascinating tour of mankind's relationship to the sea, from the earliest traces of water on earth to the oceans as we know them today. In the process, Roberts looks at how the taming of the oceans has shaped human civilization and affected marine life. We have always been fish eaters, from the dawn of civilization, but in the last twenty years we have transformed the oceans beyond recognition. Putting our exploitation of the seas into historical context, Roberts

offers a devastating account of the impact of modern fishing techniques, pollution, and climate change, and reveals what it would take to steer the right course while there is still time. Like *Four Fish* and *The Omnivore's Dilemma*, *The Ocean of Life* takes a long view to tell a story in which each one of us has a role to play.

Lost Feast Univ of California Press

The National Marine Fisheries Service is proposing regulations under authority of the Tuna Conventions Act of 1950, as amended, to implement commercial catch limits for Pacific bluefin tuna (*Thunnus orientalis*) that are consistent with a resolution adopted by the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission, specifically Resolution C-13-02, Measures for the Conservation and

Management of Bluefin Tuna in the Eastern Pacific Ocean. The Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission Convention Area includes the waters of the eastern Pacific Ocean bounded by the coast of the Americas, the 50° N. and 50° S. parallels, and the 150° W. meridian. Resolution C-13-02 includes two catch limits for 2014: (1) a Commission-wide limit for all commercial fishing vessels of all IATTC Members and Cooperating Non-Members (CPCs) fishing in the IATTC Convention Area of the eastern Pacific Ocean and (2) notwithstanding the Commission-wide limit, a catch limit of 500 metric tons for each CPC with a historical record of eastern Pacific bluefin catch--such as the United States--to allow these nations to catch a small share of Pacific bluefin

tuna even if the Commission-wide limit is reached. Currently, U.S. fishing vessels that commercially catch Pacific bluefin tuna are constrained by a 500 metric ton catch limit if and when the Commission-wide catch limit for all CPCs is met; however, these measures expired December 31, 2013. The proposed regulations would extend these catch limits beyond 2013, apply only to U.S. vessels that commercially catch Pacific bluefin tuna in the eastern Pacific Ocean, and ensure that the United States is satisfying its obligations as a member of the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission. The National Marine Fisheries Service is obligated to implement and enforce regulations consistent with Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission resolutions and does

not make substantive decisions in promulgating such actions. Given that the recent results of the draft 2014 updated Pacific bluefin tuna (*Thunnus orientalis*) (PBF) assessment by the International Scientific Committee (ISC) for Tuna and Tuna-Like Species in the North Pacific Ocean reports that overfishing is occurring and the population is overfished, the same results as the 2012 assessment, the National Marine Fisheries Service anticipates that the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission with input from the U.S. Department of State and National Marine Fisheries Service will resolve into the foreseeable future, as in 2011 and 2013, to impose catch limits for Pacific bluefin tuna. Therefore, this Environmental Assessment includes

essential components of environmental impact analyses in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act to consider a range of Pacific bluefin tuna catch limits for U.S. commercial vessels fishing in the Convention Area and to assess the potential environmental impacts on the human environment that could result from the proposed action as well as similar actions in future years. The impacts to the human environment (e.g., effects of the proposed action on the natural environment and the socioeconomic environment) were found to be insignificant.

Global Fishery Resources of Tuna and Tuna-like Species JHU Press
Annotation Tuna are biologically fascinating, with many specializations such as endothermy (warm-bloodedness), aerobic capacity, and migratory abilities. The primary focus of this book is the physiology of tuna with respect to biomechanics, thermoregulation, and morphology. An evolutionary and phylogenetic backdrop illustrates the importance of comparative perspectives. Because of the economic importance of tuna, a secondary focus of the book is tuna aquaculture and conservation.