



# THE ALASKA POLLOCK SECTOR'S COMMITMENT TO **REDUCING BYCATCH**

While approximately 99% of the fish that Eastern Bering Sea pollock trawlers catch are pollock, **we recognize that each fish has value.** That's why minimizing incidental catch of other marine species is a priority for the Alaska pollock sector.

## OUR INVESTMENT IN SCIENCE-BASED RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY



We continue to invest in research to better understand salmon declines, and to develop effective responses based on the best available science.



Working with researchers, we've developed and deployed fishing nets that are designed with Salmon Excluder Devices – carefully engineering holes in the nets that allow Chinook salmon to escape.



We've developed and deployed live underwater cameras to monitor fish moving into our nets and use light-based deterrents to lead salmon out of the nets.

## OUR CAPTAINS AND OUR VESSELS



**BYCATCH  
AVOIDANCE  
TECHNIQUES**



**SHARE  
REAL-TIME  
DATA**



**MOVE  
VESSELS  
AWAY**



**CLOSE  
OFF  
AREAS**

We are just as concerned with avoiding salmon and other non-targeted species as with catching pollock. We operate the most sophisticated bycatch avoidance techniques of any fishery in the world.

Through our Salmon Avoidance Plan, our captains and vessels share near real-time data with other vessels on the water to avoid salmon hotspots

Captains then move their vessels away from salmon based on government observer data on our fishing vessels.

We also close off areas to fishing where bycatch may be more likely to occur.

## KEY RESULTS

**1**

Alaska's pollock catcher-processor fleet has **cut its Chinook salmon bycatch in half** under our Salmon Avoidance Plan.

**2**

When possible, **food-grade bycatch is donated to SeaShare**, a national non-profit that helps direct nutrient-dense seafood to hunger relief programs and food banks.