

# FISHY FACTS

## FISHING FOR ALASKA POLLOCK

ALASKA POLLOCK THAT GO INTO MAKING OUR FISH FINGERS LIVE IN THE BERING SEA, WHICH IS IN THE NORTH PACIFIC OCEAN, BETWEEN THE US STATE OF ALASKA AND RUSSIA...

HEY

...THAT'S OVER 4,000 MILES AWAY FROM THE UK

THE FISHING BOATS THAT GO OUT TO CATCH ALASKA POLLOCK ARE CALLED TRAWLERS.

THEY HAVE EVERYTHING ON-BOARD THAT THE CREW NEEDS TO LIVE & WORK THERE

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THESE BOATS GO TO SEA FOR TWO TO THREE WEEKS AT A TIME

ALSO ON-BOARD IS LOTS OF HIGH-TECH EQUIPMENT THAT THE FISHERMEN USE TO FIND SCHOOLS OF ALASKA POLLOCK.

ERR... I THINK THEY WENT THAT WAY

WHEN THEY FIND THE FISH THEY'RE LOOKING FOR, THE FISHERMEN LOWER THIS CONE-SHAPED NET TO A MIDWAY POINT IN THE WATER

THIS IS SO THAT THEY AVOID DAMAGING THE OCEAN BED. THE SPECIALLY SHAPED NET IS DESIGNED TO AVOID CATCHING OTHER ANIMALS AT THE SAME TIME.

THANK YOU

POLLOCK NET STATUS:  
**FULL OF FISH**

BRING UP NETS

EACH NET HAS A SENSOR ON IT THAT LETS THE CAPTAIN KNOW WHEN THE NET IS FULL OF FISH SO THAT HE CAN GIVE THE ORDER TO PULL THE NET BACK UP.

IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE OCEANS, IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE'RE CAREFUL NOT TO CATCH MORE FISH THAN CAN BE NATURALLY REPLACED. IN THE BERING SEA, THE FISH STOCKS ARE CAREFULLY MONITORED TO MAKE SURE THAT NO MORE THAN 15 OUT OF EVERY 100 FISH IS CAUGHT.

ON-BOARD THE TRAWLER THERE IS A FACTORY FOR PROCESSING THE FISH, SO THAT SOON AFTER BEING CAUGHT ALASKA POLLOCK CAN BE CLEANED AND FILLETED BEFORE BEING FROZEN INTO BLOCKS LIKE THIS.

NONE OF THE CATCH IS WASTED, AND THE REST OF THE FISH IS TURNED INTO WHAT IS CALLED FISH MEAL, AND USED FOR ANIMAL FOOD...

...OR TURNED INTO BIO-OIL, WHICH HELPS FUEL THE TRAWLER.

ONCE THE TRAWLER HAS FINISHED ITS FISHING TRIP, THE FROZEN BLOCKS OF FISH ARE SENT ACROSS THE SEAS TO GRIMSBY, READY TO BE TURNED INTO FISH FINGERS FOR YOU TO ENJOY FOR YOUR DINNER.