

A less deadly catch

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Questions

You're a fisheries economist in NOAA and are preparing to negotiate a new UN treaty for international management of the High Seas. To brief your boss, prepare answers to the following questions:

1. Explain how the fish of the high seas are a common pool resource. What properties of the resource make it particularly difficult to manage?
2. Explain why fishing of an endangered species in the high seas could be considered a collective action problem. How do the benefits and impacts of fishing this species complicate efforts to manage the resource?
3. How are the environmental and economic impacts of the Alaskan fishery different from fisheries in the High Seas?
4. How do you think reforms in the way Alaskan fisheries are managed have impacted (a) the health of the fishery; (b) boat captains; (c) the crew on fishing vessels; and (d) fish consumers?