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Russian Fishmeal Exports in 2023 Increased by 10% to 143,000 Tons, and 80% Went to China

The Hokkaido Trawl Fisheries Cooperative Federation reports a notable surge in the export volume of fishmeal produced in Russia. In 2023, production escalated by a substantial 10% from the previous year, reaching an impressive 143,000 tons. It marks a staggering 2.6-fold increase in just five years since 2018. The Minato Shimbun further confirms this trend, noting a significant rise in the volume of major export destinations, South Korea and China.

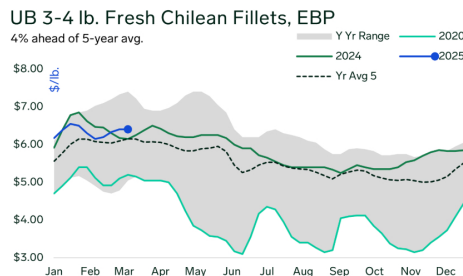
Undoubtedly, China and South Korea remain major export destinations for Russian fishmeal...

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ANALYSIS: Fresh Chilean Salmon Fillets Trend Higher than European

Many protein commodities have been behaving oddly for the past several weeks. Fresh farmed salmon fillets are among them.

The fresh salmon fillet market continues to act in a way that is not on trend, but it's been somewhat off trend for the past 4 months. Looking back at the 4th quarter of 2024, we observed the fresh Chilean fillet market firming through mid-October and straight through November. November is usually a time for turkeys and farmed salmon at retail where it thrives starts to wane ahead of the...

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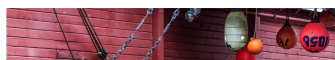
As temperatures rise across much of the US, grocers are highlighting seasonal offerings for springtime occasions and grilling essentials.

Retailers are refining their marketing strategies to align with shifting demand, appealing to sports fans to boost traffic in the meat department. However, securing lower year-over-year protein prices remains a challenge, as factors like animal disease continue to affect availability across key categories.

The wholesale chicken market is gaining traction with baseball season on the horizon, driving demand for boneless items. Expana reports that buyers are scrambling to secure supply but...

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The Southwest Alaska Municipal Conference (SWAMC) held its



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On March 10, 2025, the Responsible Offshore Development Alliance (RODA) filed a petition for a writ of certiorari with the United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit regarding the U.S. Department of the Interior's reinterpretation of Section 1337(p)(4) of the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (OCSLA), specifically in relation to the approval of the Vineyard Wind 1 offshore wind energy project in Massachusetts.

RODA is a broad coalition of American fishing associations and companies focused on improving the compatibility of new offshore development with the...

[Full Story »](#)**Seafood Industry Veteran Guy Lott Joins Bama Sea Products as Chief Commercial Officer**

Bama Sea Products, a Florida-based seafood processor and distributor, announced that seafood industry veteran Guy Lott has been named Chief Commercial Officer.

The company, which produces wild-caught shrimp and other raw and value-added seafood products, highlighted how Lott's experience with multi-unit restaurant chains, key retailers and fine-dining establishments will help the company's sales strategy.

"We are thrilled to welcome Guy aboard to lead our sales efforts," said Michael Stephens, CEO of Bama Sea Products. "We pride ourselves on having some..."

[Full Story »](#)**FDA Ends Two-Month Streak of No Entry Line Refusals for Antibiotic-Contaminated Shrimp**

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) recently released new data showing a total of 92 seafood entry line refusals in February 2025, and a total of four entry line refusals of shrimp (4.2%) for the presence of banned antibiotics, per product traces of veterinary drug residues.

Of the total 92 seafood entry line refusals during February, 26 entry lines were for shrimp imports unrelated to banned



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(SWAMC) held its annual Economic Summit last week in Anchorage.

This confusingly named organization is the federal economic development entity for the region of Alaska that includes Bristol Bay, the Aleutians and Kodiak. What that means is that it is a place where regional public servants can get together with regional businesses to help plan out our economic future.

SWAMC produces something called the CEDS, or Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy. The CEDS is a plan for the region's economic future. According to a SWAMC...

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European Commission Announces Countermeasures to US Steel and Aluminum Tariffs

The European Commission (EC) has responded to new US tariffs on steel and aluminum imports from the European Union (EU) by launching countermeasures on imports from the US into the EU.

On February 10, 2025, the US announced that it would impose import tariffs of 25% on steel and aluminum derivative products. The tariffs will apply to industrial-grade steel and aluminum, other steel and aluminum semifinished and finished products, as well as their derivative commercial products, covering EU exports to the US worth up to €26 billion, according to the EC.

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British Columbia Says US Has Paused Columbia River Treaty Talks as Trade Tensions Grow

British Columbia's Energy Ministry says the United States has paused negotiations with Canada on the wide-reaching Columbia River Treaty that regulates everything from flood control and power generation to water supply and salmon restoration in the region.

The ministry says in a news release that U.S. President Donald Trump's administration "is conducting a broad review of its international engagement."

The two countries reached an in-principle deal on a new version of the decades-old treaty last July, and while officials from both countries pushed for...

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Chicken of the Sea Frozen Foods Bolsters Commercial Team with New Additions

Thai Union-owned Chicken of the Sea Frozen Foods (COSFF) added four seafood industry veterans to its commercial team on March 11. COSFF expressed its excitement about the move as it looks to remain at the forefront of the seafood industry.

Leading off, Jon Christophersen was appointed as Business Development Director in the Consumer channel. Before his stop at COSFF, Christophersen worked at Regal Springs, The Fishin' Company, Hofseth, True North, and Roundy's. He has buyer and supplier experience and will report to Michael Richards, Senior Vice...

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No Pollution or Injuries Reported After Grieg Seafood Vessel Hits a Rock in Tahsis Inlet

Salmon farmer Grieg Seafood on the west

antibiotics.

This data follows marks the end of the FDA's two-month consecutive streak where the federal agency reported...

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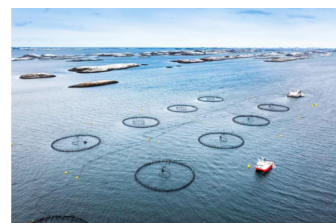
BioMar Acquires Full Ownership of Norwegian Research Center to Boost Aquaculture R&D

Aquaculture feed company BioMar has acquired full ownership of LetSea, a fish farming research center in Norway.

BioMar said it has taken over the remaining shares from KapNor and the move "reinforces (its) position as a global leader in research and development for fish feed and strengthens its innovation capacity within aquaculture feed solutions."

After partnering for years, BioMar said it can advance its work on waterborne feeding, developing feed ingredients and its work to improve fish performance, health and welfare...

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One Lucky Mudbug Saved from the Boiling Pot During the 9th Annual Pardoning of the Crawfish

One lucky crawfish named Huval was saved from being served at any boil, in any étouffée's, or other delicious crustacean dishes during the ninth annual pardoning of the crawfish on Tuesday.

Huval received a pardon at Pat's Fisherman's Wharf Restaurant in a special ceremony that officially kicks off crawfish season. During the ceremony, the mudbug was freed from, "water hotter than where it was found in the beautiful swamps and bayous in Louisiana," according to the proclamation.

The official proclamation was first sealed and...

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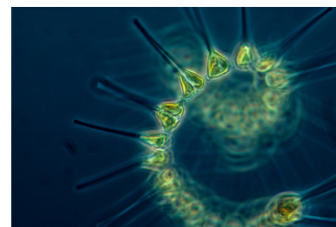
Rising Temperatures Are Scrambling the Base of the Ocean Food Web

Humans are living in a plankton world. These minuscule organisms are spread across the oceans, covering nearly three-quarters of the planet, and are among the most abundant forms of life on Earth.

But a warming world is throwing plankton into disarray and threatening the entire marine food chain that is built on them.

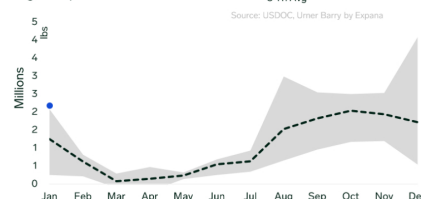
A year ago, NASA launched a satellite that provided the most detailed view yet of the diversity and distribution of phytoplankton. Its insights should help scientists understand the changing dynamics of life in the ocean...

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ANALYSIS: Live Lobster Market Faces Uncertainty in the Wake of Tariffs

US Exports - Lobster, Misc Fresh China 5 Yr Range 2025
2nd highest export vol Jan.



coast of Vancouver Island is reporting no injuries or pollution after the Ronja Islander, a live fish transport and treatment vessel owned by aquaculture industry service partner Sølvtans, hit a rock in Tahsis Inlet on March 8.

Tahsis Inlet is located in Mowachaht/Muchalaht First Nation (MMFN) territory and Nootka Sound.

Recently, in mid-December 2024, Grieg Seafood was responsible for spilling between 7,000 to 8,000 liters of diesel fuel by Lutes Creek in Esperanza Inlet, which is...

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Canadian Seafood Industry Anticipates More Volatility from Chinese Tariffs

China's intent to slap 25-per-cent tariffs on Canadian seafood products adds another layer of uncertainty to an industry already threatened by U.S. duties, sector representatives in Atlantic Canada say.

China announced the retaliatory tariffs on Saturday in response to the Canadian surtax of 100 per cent on all Chinese-made electric vehicles, and of 25 per cent on steel and aluminum.

And while 25-per-cent U.S. tariffs on Canadian seafood and other goods are on pause until April 2, the Chinese duties are to take effect...

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Chile's Salmon Council Signs 50-Year Plan to Promote the Salmon Farming Development Board

The signing took place within the framework of the first session of the 50-year Salmon Plan.

The Salmon



Council participated in the formation and signing of the commitment of the "Table for the Development of Salmon Farming".

The author of the initiative is the mayor of Puerto Montt, Rodrigo Wainraihgt. His plan, with many others in the area as well as public agencies, private companies, and NGOs, is to establish a strategy for the sustainable development of salmon farming in the future...

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Packaging Firm DS Smith Showcases DryPack Seafood Box

Packaging manufacturer DS Smith said its DryPack seafood box has helped seafood processors reduce costs and CO2 emissions.

The company, which was acquired by International Paper earlier this year, said its DryPack is 100% water-resistant and when it's packed with ice, can keep fish fresh below 40 degrees Fahrenheit for over 40 hours in cold chain operations.

DryPack is the only container board seafood box approved for air freight by the International Air Transport Association. The boxes arrive to processors' doors flat and are easy to assemble manually or through automated...

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ANALYSIS: Atlantic Sea Scallop Market Continues to Face Supply Issues and High Prices in 2025

Another week brings yet another twist in the ongoing saga of tariff developments. As we begin to navigate through the second full week of March, there has been a temporary halt to the Trump 25% tariff on Mexican and Canadian goods, with a [pause in effect until April 2](#). Amidst this uncertainty, a new development has emerged: China has announced the imposition of a 25% tariff on Canadian lobster, set to take effect on March 20. This kind of unpredictability can wreak havoc on markets, causing disruptions...

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China's Looming Seafood Tariffs Just Add to 'Craziness,' says Lobster Organization

Nat Richard said he was stunned when he learned that China was hitting Canada's seafood sector with 25 per cent tariffs.

The tariffs themselves were not very surprising — Canada had placed heavy levies against Chinese electric vehicles, steel and aluminum in the fall, and retaliation was expected.

But Richard, the executive director of the Lobster Processors Association, which has members across the Maritimes, said China's decision simply adds to the disorientation already caused by the unpredictability in trade with the U.S...

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US Benefits from EU Decision to Restrict Russian Imports of Pollock Fillets

The U.S. has become the main beneficiary of the European Union's (EU) decision to restrict imports of Russian pollock fillets via imposition of a 13.7% duty on all Russian supplies.

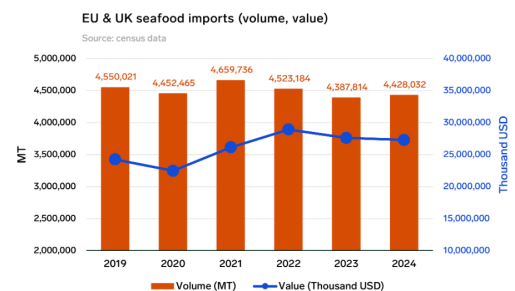
As Alexey Buglak, head of the Russian Pollock Association (ADM) stated in an interview with the Russian RBC business paper, in 2024, the U.S. became the main supplier of pollock fillets to the EU market.

He also added that, prior to this, China was the main supplier of pollock fillets to the European market with a share of...

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ANALYSIS: EU and UK Seafood Import Value 12.5% Above Pre-COVID Levels



Overall imports of seafood in the EU and the UK have been slightly declining since pre-COVID, with a 2.7% drop in volume between 2019 and 2024, according to census data. However, in value, the EU and the UK imported 27.29 billion USD worth of seafood, which stands 12.5% above 2019 level.

After a 2.1% yearly slowdown due to the pandemic in 2020, imports strengthened by 4.7% in 2021. Since then, the volume of seafood imported fell by 2.9% in 2022...

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Group Holds Rally to Raise Awareness of Importance of Federally Supported Science Jobs

BEAUFORT — About 70 area residents

concerned about the impacts of ongoing potential federal budget cuts in agencies that protect coastal waters and lands, supply good jobs, help improve access to fisheries and seafood and

Prices in 2025

Scallops, Sea, Shucked, 10/20, FOB NE, EBP
Highest Price Levels Since 22* SOURCE: Umer Barry by Expana



The domestic Atlantic sea scallop market in 2024 was initially projected to see a 2.4-million-pound increase over 2023. However, with overall landings remaining sluggish and larger sizes in short supply, it appears increasingly unlikely that this target will be met as the season nears its end. Persistently high prices are beginning to weigh more heavily on demand, particularly for fresh domestic scallops, which remain at historically elevated levels. While some minor price declines were noted following the holiday season due to...

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USDA Awards Nearly \$50 Million to Channel Fish, Trident for Pollock Contracts

The US Department of Agriculture (USDA) awarded \$47 million to Massachusetts-based Channel Fishing Processing and Seattle-based Trident Seafoods for just over 21 million pounds of Alaska pollock products.



The USDA purchase award [description](#) noted that Trident was awarded a little over \$25 million for 10.5 million pounds of pollock products. Meanwhile, Channel Fish landed \$22.4 million for pollock products to be distributed throughout the country.

The USDA first announced the pollock purchases in February. Expana [reported](#) that the government was eyeing...

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ANALYSIS: Factors Influencing the 2024 Skipjack Tuna Market Slowdown and 2025 Price Development

The skipjack tuna (*Katsuwonus pelamis*) market experienced a reduction in demand toward the end of 2024. This was primarily due to high inventory levels in major canning producer countries such as Thailand and Ecuador. Additionally, the decrease in interest for purchasing raw materials was influenced by the slowdown in production during the holiday period for Christmas and New Year...



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China Tariff on Canadian Seafood Adds More Volatility to Industry Threatened by Trump

Groups representing Atlantic Canada's seafood sector say the pending 25 per cent tariffs by China add another layer of uncertainty to an industry already threatened by duties from U.S. President Donald Trump.



China announced the retaliatory tariff on Saturday in response to Canadian duties imposed last fall against Chinese-made electric vehicles, steel and aluminum.

While 25 per cent U.S. tariffs are on pause until April 2, the

forecast the weather rallied Saturday in Beaufort.

One of the organizers, Sally Dowd, a local scientist, said the group gathered at the Carteret County Courthouse, stayed there for about 30 minutes, then walked down Turner Street to and along Front Street, carrying signs and fact sheets to give to those along the way...

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India Expected to Enter Global Fisheries Certification by 2025 End

In a major boost for India's seafood export, the country is expected to enter the global fisheries certification by the end of 2025. A stakeholder workshop held in Kochi on Monday highlighted that the country is making remarkable progress



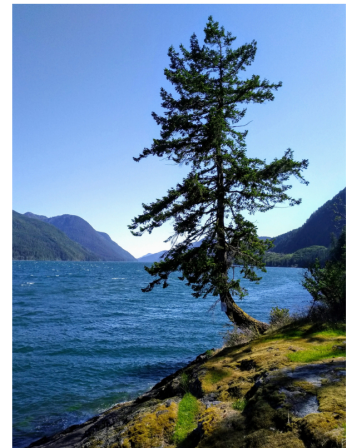
towards sustainable fisheries with most of the prioritized species nearing the completion of Fishery Improvement Projects (FIPs).

This is critical for assessing the fishery against the standard of Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) certification, which includes sustainable stock levels, minimal environmental impact, and effective fishery management systems. The capacity building workshop was...

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First Nation on Vancouver Island Alarmed Over Grieg Seafood's Ship That Hit a Rock

The 'Namgis First Nation on Vancouver Island says it wants a "thorough investigation" into a shipping accident involving a vessel owned by a fish farming company that required help from the Canadian Coast Guard.



The First Nation says the vessel known as the Ronja Islander, owned by fish farming company Grieg Seafood, hit a rock and began taking on water Saturday evening in Tahsis Inlet.

'Namgis councillor Ernest Alfred says the First Nation learned of the incident from people who heard the ship's distress call...

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Northeast Japan Wildfires Blamed for Deaths of Over Two Million Abalone at Cultivation Farm

OFUNATO, Iwate -- Massive forest fires in this northeastern Japan city are thought to have led to the deaths of all of more than two million abalone kept at a land-based cultivation farm that had just recovered from damage in the 2011 Great East Japan Earthquake and tsunami.



The farm is managed by Genshoei Kitanihon Fishery Co., one of Japan's leading land-based abalone farming companies, based in Ofunato, Iwate Prefecture. The firm had just managed to recover its production to pre-2011 levels...

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Fish Farm Boss Exits in a Sea of Troubles

The young chief executive of Huon Aquaculture, Henry Batista, will exit the business this week after more than two years in the role.

Mr Batista's family founded the multinational meat processing company



Chinese duties are to take effect March 20 on a long list of seafood products like lobster, snow crab...

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MSC Says Brands and Retailers are Key in Protecting Small Pelagic Species

Herring, blue whiting and mackerel in the North-East Atlantic have lost or had their MSC certifications suspended following disagreements on quotas between fishing nations. The new [MSC's Small Pelagics Yearbook 2025](#) gives a one-page summary of how small pelagic species certification by Marine Stewardship Council has helped or — in cases where MSC certification has been pulled — hurt sales and consumption in ten global markets.

The three pelagic species covered, herring, blue whiting, and mackerel, have had international management agreements in place...

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JBS, which owns Huon.

He made the decision to leave the business in December, with the announcement made to staff in January.



Mr Batista will take on a new executive role with Pilgrim's Europe, a major chicken producer majority-owned by JBS. Charles von der Heyde, the former president of Pilgrim's Mexico, will replace him as CEO of Huon...

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