



Government agencies manage fisheries through rules and regulations



Require specific permits for every group involved in fish production, processing and marketing



Evaluates fisheries individually to determine the health and status for making rules and regulations



Specific gear types are allowed to minimize the impact on the fishery, the environment and cost



Independent organizations create their own criteria to evaluate how sustainable a fishery is



Often include all aspects of fishery, from ocean to plate, when evaluating sustainability



Examine the impact of fishing or farming a certain species on the population and environment



Emphasize the importance of gear type which minimizes by catch and seafloor disturbance

What is a 3rd Party Certifier?

They are independent organizations that rate a fishery, farm or fisherman against their own guidelines or sustainability standards. These standards vary among certifiers and can include the entire seafood supply chain from ocean to plate, or just the fishery/farm.

You can use the reverse side to get a better idea of how 3rd party sustainability standards compare to government regulations. For more detailed information on these comparisons check out NYSG's "Sustainable Seafood" Publication at www.nyseagrant.org/seafood.



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