

Seafood Fraud Cases Stretch from Coast to Coast

A Washington seafood processor pleads guilty to selling lower-priced coho salmon as more expensive Chinook salmon

A California restaurant pleads guilty to illegally serving endangered sei whale by mislabeling it as "fatty tuna"

A dozen businesses and individuals in California, Illinois and Virginia are convicted for importing and mislabeling more than 10 million pounds of Asian catfish to defraud consumers and avoid tariffs

An Arizona importer and Florida distributor are convicted for falsely renaming and selling over 100,000 pounds of Asian catfish, some of which contained banned aquaculture chemicals, as more desirable domestic catches to customers in the Gulf of Mexico

Undercover federal agents posing as Russian mobsters catch a New England fishing magnate accused of cooking his books to hide \$154 million of misrepresented seafood

In a federal investigation, DNA tests reveal that a Virginia seafood supplier falsely labeled imported swimming crab as the iconic Chesapeake blue crab, undermining local watermen and misleading consumers

A North Carolina seafood processor and distributor pleads guilty to falsely labeling imported farmed shrimp as U.S. wild-caught, misleading customers into buying a cheaper product for more than it was worth



U.S. seafood businesses busted for seafood fraud since 2001.
Not pictured is one case in Alaska.