Walleye pollock
スケトウダラ
*Theragra chalcogramma*

**Stock status:** According to the FRA, the Pacific Ocean and and Southern Okhotsk Sea stocks have medium status, while the Northern Japan Sea and Nemuro Strait stocks have low status.

**Gear types:** gillnets set nets, bottom otter trawls, traditional seine (かけまわし), and longlines

**Japan catch volume:** 210,000 metric tons in 2013, ranked 8th by catch volume

**Region:** mainly around Hokkaido, with some fish distributions extending to northern Honshu

**Markets:** Japan, imported into Korea, China, and Russia

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**Key Sustainability Issues:**

Current stock abundances are substantially lower than they were before the 1990s, and a recovery plan has been implemented for the Pacific walleye pollock stock. Despite the FRA determining that two stocks have low status, the JFA sets allowable catches substantially higher than biologically recommended levels. There is little information on catches of non-target species, and one of the gear types (bottom otter trawl) likely has detrimental impacts on habit.

**Certification Ready?**

Without significant improvement the fishery is unlikely to achieve MSC certification because two stocks have low status, and the harvest strategy is not precautionary.

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**Rapid assessment scoring**

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