

## WSGW RADIO PRESENTATION

### SEAFOOD FRAUD

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Seafood is a popular and healthy food choice for many Americans especially during Lent. The U.S. is the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest seafood consumer worldwide. However, seafood consumers are often given insufficient, confusing or misleading information about the fish they purchase.

Despite growing concern about where our food comes from, consumers are frequently served a completely different type of fish than they paid for. A nationwide study by Oceana found the most commonly swapped fish were grouper, cod, and snapper, disguising fish that are less desirable, cheaper and more readily available.

In a study from 2010-2012 they found through DNA testing that 33% of the random samples they collected were mislabeled.

With an increasingly complex and obscure food chain, it is difficult to if identify fraud is occurring on the boat, during processing, at the retail counter, or somewhere along the way.

#### **What you Bought:**

#### **What you Got:**

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Chilean Seabass	Antarctic tooth fish
Alaskan/Pacific Cod	Asian catfish or Tilapia
Atlantic Cod	Pacific cod or white hake
Grouper	Asian catfish or king mackerel
Alaskan/Pacific halibut	Atlantic halibut
Wild salmon	Farmed Atlantic salmon
Sea Bass	Antarctic or Patagonian tooth fish

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