

# Ecosystem Impacts of Discards

## fish610.4 Discard Considerations of EAFM

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# Learning Objectives

# Ecosystem Impacts of Discards

- Background on ecosystem impacts
- Components of the ecosystem most affected

# Population Level Impacts

- Impact of undersized target species discards
- Impact of no or low economic value species discards

# Species Assemblage Impacts

- Impact on species assemblage
- Impact on energy flow

# Environmental Impacts

- Impact on benthic community structure
- Grounds poisoning

# Impact on Scavengers

- Benefits to scavengers
- Negative impacts on scavengers