Arctic char is in the salmon and trout family of fish. Most Arctic char is farmed in land-based, closed systems and thus there is only a minor risk associated with escapes of farmed fish to wild stocks. There is also a low risk of pollution and habitat effects as closed systems have adequate wastewater treatment in the form of biofilters.

**Sustainable Seafood Initiative**

What is Sustainable Seafood? Sustainability is a characteristic of a process or state that can be maintained at a certain level indefinitely. So, sustainable seafood is a process of utilizing seafood originating from sources, whether fished or farmed, that can maintain or increase production in the long term without jeopardizing the structure or function of affected ecosystems.

There are a variety of resources available that helps the seafood industry – from fishermen and fish farmers to distributors, wholesalers, retailers, caterers, and restaurants – to make the seafood marketplace environmentally and economically sustainable. There is a growing interest worldwide in environmentally responsible seafood. As part of SAVOR...SMG, it is your responsibility to educate our guests and lead the industry in making the right decision.

**Top Choices**

**TILAPIA**

Your best choice is tilapia grown in the U.S. in environmentally-friendly systems. Avoid farmed tilapia from China and Taiwan, where pollution and weak management are common.

**ARCTIC CHAR**

Farmed arctic char is a best choice because it’s farmed in an ecologically responsible manner. Although there is commercial and recreational fishing for Arctic char, most of it sold in the U.S. is farmed.

**PACIFIC HALIBUT**

Most Pacific halibut are caught either in Alaska or off the west coast of Canada with bottom longlines, commonly called “skates.” In Alaska, fishing for Pacific halibut is strictly limited to this bottom long-lining method. Bottom long-lining causes little habitat damage and has low by-catch associated with it. Atlantic halibut is not sustainable at this time due to overfishing and using otter trawls – a method that involves towing a net close to the seafloor, which disturbs bottom habitat. Trawl fishing also unintentionally catches other marine life.
### Compostable Products Corner

**PLA**
These 100% compostable food "clamshell" containers are clear, attractive, and lockable. They are made of a special kind of cornstarch, which ends up completely clear -- just like plastic -- but is actually not plastic at all, but food itself! Straws, too!

**Bagasse Bowls & Plates**
Sugarcane bowls & plates are made from a renewable resource - sugar cane! After the cane juice is extracted from the plant, the stalk is ground up and made into paper pulp. The paper pulp is then made into a variety of products, including sugarcane bowls, sugarcane plates and sugarcane food containers.

**BioBag**
The world's largest brand of 100% bio-degradable and 100% compostable bags. All of their products contain GMO free starch, biodegradable polymer and other renewable resources. No polyethylene is used in the production process.

Recently, the city of San Francisco selected BioBag to promote their residential food waste collection program. The city sent 100,000 rolls of BioBags to residents within the county to help educate consumers on the importance of diverting food and other biodegradable waste from entering landfills, and "disposables" to the compost heap, saving you money on waste collection costs, and saving the planet from excess waste.

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### Resources

**Sustainable Seafood**

**Monterey Bay Aquarium**
*Monterey Bay Aquarium: Seafood Watch Program - A Consumer’s Guide to Sustainable Seafood*
www.montereybayaquarium.org/cr/seafoodwatch.asp

**NOAA**
*FishWatch - U.S. Seafood Facts*
www.nmfs.noaa.gov/fishwatch/

**Seafood Choices Alliance**
*Seafood Choices Alliance - A Global Association for Sustainable Seafood*
http://www.seafoodchoices.net/home.php

**Compostable Products**

**American Paper & Plastics, Inc.**
http://www.appinc.com/index.php?fa=home1

**Eco-Products**
www.ecoproducts.com

**Go-Green Products**
http://www.cptplastics.com/gogreen-cpt/gogreen.htm

**International Paper**
http://www.internationalpaper.com/Packaging/Packaging%20Customer%20Segments/Foodservice_and_Distrib.html