

Sealife to Seafood

While fisheries would like you to believe otherwise, numerous studies have found conclusive evidence that fish do feel pain.

“We’re now finding that fish are very capable of learning and remembering, and possess a range of cognitive skills that would surprise many people.”

-Dr. Theresa Burt de Perera, Oxford University

Fish, as well as unintended victims including dolphins, birds, and turtles, are captured in huge trawlers’ nets, and squeezed for hours along with any netted rocks and other debris. Dragged from the ocean depths, fish undergo excruciating decompression. The intense internal pressure ruptures their swimbladder, pops out their eyes, and pushes their stomach through their mouth. They are then tossed onboard where many slowly suffocate or are crushed to death. Others are still alive when their throats and bellies are cut open.

More than 2 billion fish (mainly catfish and trout) are raised on factory farms every year. Because of crowding and filth, infections and parasite infestations plague intensively reared fishes.

At slaughter most salmon are dumped into water infused with carbon dioxide, making it painful for them to breathe. The carbon dioxide paralyzes them, but most are still conscious when their gill arches are slit for bleeding. Catfish are shocked with electricity. If the current is too weak, they are conscious when their head is cut off.

Dragged from the ocean depths, fish suffer from decompression, suffocation, or being crushed.

