**Fishing Methods**

There are a wide variety of methods used in local, commercial and industrial fishing. The type of gear used depends on the type of organism and its size. Some of the fishing methods are friendly to the environment and some are not.

A good fishing method will be:

* Selective for the species caught
* Environmentally responsible such as
  1. Doesn’t damage habitat
  2. Allows other organisms to live
  3. Doesn’t harm other creatures
  4. Doesn’t take too much of the resource at one time

Fill in the following table using your own background knowledge, books and/or the internet.

Some good sites are:

<http://www.fishonline.org/caught_at_sea/methods/>

<http://loellenpark.org/callens/mmedia/cgc/fishing_methods_of_fishing.pdf>

<http://www.coconutstudio.com/Fishing%20Methods%202%20-%20Nets.htm>

<http://www.wildplanetfoods.com/Sustainability-and-Fishing-Methods.html>

<http://www.cdli.ca/cod/history6.htm>

<http://www.montereybayaquarium.org/cr/cr_seafoodwatch/sfw_gear.aspx>

<http://www.hawaii.edu/mop/tek-fish/fishingmethods.html>

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| **Method** | **Description of Method** | **Type of Seafood Caught** | **Environmental Impact (Good/Bad – Why?)** |
| Dredging |  |  |  |
| Drift Net |  |  |  |
| Dive-caught/Hand Gathered |  |  |  |
| Gill or Fixed Nets |  |  |  |
| Trawling |  |  |  |
| Purse Seine Net |  |  |  |
| Long Line |  |  |  |