**FISHING REGULATIONS**

**INTERNATIONAL FISHING**

*Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES)* – prevents trade of threatened or endangered marine species

*UN Law of the Seas* – individual countries have jurisdiction over Exclusive Economic Zones (200 miles off shore) and sovereignty over the sea be 12 miles off shore; allows for Individual Transferrable Quotas (ITQs) in which allocated quotas can be sold to others.

*International Whaling Commission/International Convention for the Regulation of Whaling* – regulates species that can be harvested and sets quotas on the number of crustaceans that can be harvested

**U.S FISHING**

*Endangered Species Act* – prohibits the harm or harvesting of a listed endangered species; protects habitats.

*Marine Mammal Protection Act* – protection and conservation of marine mammals.

*Magnuson-Stevens Fisheries Management and Conservation Act (Magnuson Act of 1996)* – establishes Regional Fisheries Management Councils that set quotas, size limits, and seasons; establishes 200-mile fishing area; protects essential habitats; rebuilds overfished stocks; minimizes by-catch by regulating fishing methods.

*Oceans Act of 2000* – establishes a presidential commission to examine federal ocean policies and programs; promotes protection of marine environments and prevention of marine pollution.


*Marine Sanctuaries Act* – protects the habitat for marine organisms and protects the animals from being harvested in that area.

*Fur Seal Act of 1966* – prohibits taking of fur seals or use of U.S. ports and harbors for vessels illegally taking fur seals; allows for subsistence hunting by native people; manages fur seal rookeries in the Pribilof Islands.

*Lacey Act of 1900* – prohibits the sale of illegally harvested species; forces local fisherman to harvest legally.