

resource management, join us

In several places in the Bible (*Exodus, Deuteronomy, Leviticus and the Book of Chronicles*) we read... ..

...." When you come to the land that I am giving you, the land must be given a rest period For six years you may plant your fields, prune your vineyards, and harvest your crops, but the seventh year is a Sabbath for the land. it is a year of rest for the land. (Leviticus 25:1-7)

Wouldn't you think the oceans and [fish] farms are worthy of similar consideration? But – **What can you do as one person ?**

One thing , *quite easy in fact*, is to try, even promote, other varieties of Mother Natures' bounty. Often times, the demand on one species / origin is just too much when identical or nearly identical species are close at hand.

One example, shrimp, comes to the United States from some **50 different countries** for which there are many species (several dozen); some identical and others quite similar.

Snow Crab, another example, comes from Alaska and the Russian (far Pacific) as well as Canada and Greenland in the Atlantic – halfway around the world! It wasn't long ago that the Alaska catch 'declined and [Mother Nature] needed a rest. The Alaska Snow Crab fishery, some years later, is doing so well, so much so that the biologists have given the go ahead for increased fishing.

King Crab from Alaska is currently under going a respite. Alaska was the only game in town [Planet Earth that is] back in the 60's and 70's. When the Alaska King Crab catch declined, from over fishing, fishing from Russia (on the other side of the Pacific) proved to be a healthy alternative. But now, several decades later, the Russian fishery is truly in need of a rest. With the Alaska fishery improving, which is good news there is good news as to other choices !

Commercial King Crab fishing in the North Atlantic (yep, again half way around the world) , adjacent

to Russia and Norway - - is providing a significant and healthy source of King Crab. And that's not all.

Several thousand nautical miles to the South, adjacent to Patagonia, another new, healthy population of King Crab has been discovered. Also identical to the Alaska King Crab (and not to be confused with the crab called *Centolla*) - this King Crab Resource has even a brighter [shell] color and is less salty, in fact, sweeter in flavor than anything we have seen before.

So here are a few examples of alternatives, which are providing Mother Nature some rest. Respectfully, this is not a substitute for resource management. But if you are concerned about resource preservation - - truly this is something each person / each buyer can do to help. **Look to alternative origins and species**. Giving something new a chance does make a difference and this is good for our planet, for you and for [your] business.

There are an estimated 20,000 varieties of commercially available fish and shellfish . Ask your suppliers what they know insofar as alternatives. And ask your suppliers what they and their company do *proactively* to assure sound resource management and stock preservation. At NOVA we are "hands on" to be good stewards!

To begin with, each year NOVA contributes time and money to numerous '*nonprofits*' who are making a difference to protect our oceans. If you would like to know more – we would enjoy telling you! In the mean time... .. have no doubt that all of us, at NOVA, respect that Mother Nature makes our work possible.