

# DATA FOR PROGRESS

From July 10 to 11, 2024, Data for Progress conducted a survey of 1,220 U.S. likely voters nationally using web panel respondents. The sample was weighted to be representative of likely voters by age, gender, education, race, geography, and 2020 recalled vote. The survey was conducted in English. The margin of error associated with the sample size is  $\pm 3$  percentage points. Results for subgroups of the sample are subject to increased margins of error. Partisanship reflected in tabulations is based on self-identified party affiliation, not partisan registration. For more information please visit [dataforprogress.org/our-methodology](https://dataforprogress.org/our-methodology).

NB: subgroups with a n-size less than 50 (<50) are not shown on these cross-tabs. We choose not to display N<50 subgroups because the sample is too small to have statistical significance. We did, however, take samples of these subgroups for representational and weighting purposes to accurately reflect the electorate makeup. Some values may not add up to 100 due to rounding.

N=1,220 unless otherwise specified.

**[1]** Alaska accounts for the majority of the United States' seafood production. Rules for fishing in the waters off the coast of Alaska are set by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and the regional fishery management council. These rules include habitat protection and limits on bycatch — fish that are not intended to be caught and must then be discarded.

When it comes to setting these rules, which of the following comes closest to your view, even if neither is exactly right?

Response	Topline	Democrat	Independent / Third party	Republican	Female	Male	Under 45	45+	No College	College	Black or African American	White	Latino
Rules should prioritize rural food security and indigenous fishing rights.	57	60	58	55	59	56	55	59	54	64	48	59	51
Rules should prioritize the seafood industry and economic growth.	31	31	27	35	28	34	33	30	34	26	36	31	34
Don't know	11	10	15	11	13	10	13	11	13	9	16	10	15
Weighted N	1,220	473	322	425	651	569	395	825	788	432	132	872	157

**[2]** Trawling is an efficient industrial method of fishing that involves pulling a vast net behind a boat. Trawling accounts for the majority of Alaska's seafood production. Trawling can catch or hurt non-targeted species like salmon and whales.

Do you support or oppose federal legislation to **ban** trawling in the waters off the coast of Alaska?

Response	Topline	Democrat	Independent / Third party	Republican	Female	Male	Under 45	45+	No College	College	Black or African American	White	Latino
Strongly support	20	29	13	16	22	18	22	19	18	25	15	21	20
Somewhat support	31	29	35	31	33	30	28	33	29	36	28	32	29
Somewhat oppose	23	19	22	27	19	27	24	22	25	19	26	23	21
Strongly oppose	13	10	16	13	13	12	12	13	14	10	13	12	15
Don't know	13	13	14	12	14	12	14	13	15	10	18	11	16
SUPPORT (TOTAL)	51	58	48	47	55	48	50	52	47	61	43	53	49
OPPOSE (TOTAL)	36	29	38	40	32	39	36	35	39	29	39	35	36
SUPPORT (NET)	+15	+29	+10	+7	+23	+9	+14	+17	+8	+32	+4	+18	+13
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**[3]** Alaskan pollock is the largest fishery in the United States by volume. Pollock are trawled in the waters off the coast of Alaska and processed into products like fish sticks and McDonald's Filet-O-Fish sandwiches.

Though pollock trawls are usually described as mid-water nets, some studies show that they are on the ocean bottom most of the time. Some lawmakers are proposing to designate "Bottom Trawl Zones" where it would be allowed and otherwise limit mid-water trawl gear from touching the seafloor. This would overall **limit trawling on the ocean bottom**.

Supporters say this rule is necessary to protect habitat and species loss, especially for crab and salmon.

Opponents say this rule is unworkable and will effectively shut down America's largest fishery.

Do you support or oppose this proposal to limit trawling on the ocean bottom?

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Strongly support	24	31	20	21	24	25	25	24	23	27	18	25	28
Somewhat support	35	34	37	34	37	32	32	36	32	39	26	38	24
Somewhat oppose	18	16	19	21	17	20	19	18	21	15	21	17	23
Strongly oppose	8	8	9	8	9	8	11	7	8	8	13	8	10
Don't know	14	11	15	16	13	15	13	14	16	11	22	13	14
SUPPORT (TOTAL)	59	65	57	55	61	57	57	60	55	66	44	63	52
OPPOSE (TOTAL)	26	24	28	29	26	28	30	25	29	23	34	25	33
SUPPORT (NET)	+33	+41	+29	+26	+35	+29	+27	+35	+26	+43	+10	+38	+19
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**[4]** Some lawmakers are proposing to budget more than \$15 million to help fund new projects hosted by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to learn new ways to cut down on the number of salmon taken in trawls.

Do you support or oppose this proposal?

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Strongly support	29	39	25	20	28	30	31	28	26	34	21	31	27
Somewhat support	39	37	41	41	40	38	36	41	38	41	35	40	38
Somewhat oppose	14	10	13	19	12	16	14	14	15	11	21	13	14
Strongly oppose	7	3	8	9	7	6	7	6	8	5	5	7	7
Don't know	11	11	12	11	13	10	12	11	13	9	17	9	13
SUPPORT (TOTAL)	68	76	66	61	68	68	67	69	64	75	56	71	65
OPPOSE (TOTAL)	21	13	21	28	19	22	21	20	23	16	26	20	21
SUPPORT (NET)	+47	+63	+45	+33	+49	+46	+46	+49	+41	+59	+30	+51	+44
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