

Wednesday Earth Wisdom

Wednesday, May 4



Number 14 of the Sustainable Development Goals states:

So much of Mother Joseph Province is blessed to be near the ocean and/or sea and fresh seafood is easily available for so many of us. Sustainable Development Goal #14 states: “Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development.”

Pope Francis emphasizes this point when he writes in paragraph 40 of *Laudato Si'* that, “Oceans not only contain the bulk of our planet’s water supply, but also most of the immense variety of living creatures, many of them still unknown to us and threatened for various reasons. What is more, marine life in rivers, lakes, seas and oceans, which feeds a great part of the world’s population, is affected by uncontrolled fishing, leading to a drastic depletion of certain species. Selective forms of fishing which discard much of what they collect continue unabated.”

In paragraph 48, he writes, “For example, the depletion of fishing reserves especially hurts small fishing communities without the means to replace those resources; water pollution particularly affects the poor who cannot buy bottled water; and rises in the sea level mainly affect impoverished coastal populations who have nowhere else to go.”

Are we looking for the logo for sustainably caught fish when we go to the market? This is just one of many samples of logo so read, reflect and then enjoy.