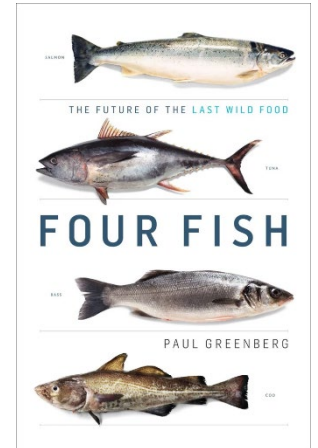




Four Fish, The Future of the Last Wild Food by Paul Greenberg
Discussion Questions for Cod (pages 127-188)

1. What factors contributed to the collapse of George's Bank cod fishery? How did shifting the burden of proof from scientists to fishers "invert the equation," and what does it mean to rebuild a fishery?
2. Consider the concept of shifting baseline syndrome. What environmental changes have you observed in your lifetime that illustrate this phenomenon, and how do these shifting perceptions affect our understanding of species rehabilitation?
3. What role does government regulation play in cod population survival? How do cod management decisions try to address the tension between conservation goals for this species and economic pressures of industry?
4. Why does the author argue that cod symbolizes the rise and fall of industrial fishing?
5. The author references Mark Kurlansky's *Cod: A Biography of the Fish that Changed the World*. Why has cod been so widely used throughout history, impacting exploration, and what factors have made it such an influential fish?



Extra Resources:

- Our [Shared Wakelet](#)
- Ocean Literacy Resources: [NMEA Ocean Literacy](#) Overview
- NOAA Fisheries: [Sustainable Seafood](#)