

Seasonality

Fish are a natural resource with local abundances fluctuating seasonally. Due to recent advancements in freezing technology, aquaculture and global distribution networks, Jersey has lost much of the seasonality of seafood.

This seasonality chart offers a generic view based on 10 years of landings from Jersey fishing vessels. The chart offers advice to consumers as to when certain species are readily available from local waters. The time to take advantage as a consumer is once a species becomes locally abundant. Some locally caught species such as bass are now being identified with the use of tags to show the consumer the product is locally sourced and caught using a specific method.

Why eat local?

- Eating fresh, in season seafood helps the local fishing community. Smaller inshore vessels are preferred due to them being able to change fishing tactics throughout the year. These boats use less fuel, cover small distances and are part of Jersey's well managed fishery.
- A fresh, locally caught fish that has grown in the wild will be of finer quality and taste than a fish that has been farm reared or factory frozen and imported.
- The carbon footprint of local fish will always be lower than imported and significantly less than farmed fish.
- As fish stocks fluctuate throughout the year, the most available seafood can be caught and sold. This gives other stocks a chance to rest.

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Copies of appropriate legislation are available from the States Greffe and gov.je/fisheries. These details are correct at time of printing (February 2020).



Seasonality of Jersey's seafood



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Seasonal abundance of locally caught fish species

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
BASS	In season	CLOSED	CLOSED	In season	In season	In season	In season	In season	In season	In season	In season	In season
BREAM (BLACK)	In season	In season	Shoulder season	In season	In season	In season	In season	Shoulder season	In season	In season	In season	In season
BRILL	In season	In season	In season	In season	In season	In season	In season	Shoulder season	Shoulder season	Shoulder season	Shoulder season	Shoulder season
CUTTLEFISH	In season	In season	In season	In season	Shoulder season	Shoulder season	Shoulder season	Shoulder season	Shoulder season	In season	In season	In season
LING	In season	Shoulder season	Shoulder season	Shoulder season	In season	In season	In season	In season	Shoulder season	Shoulder season	Shoulder season	Shoulder season
MACKEREL	In season	In season	Shoulder season	Shoulder season	Shoulder season	Shoulder season	In season	In season	In season	Shoulder season	Shoulder season	In season
MULLET (GREY)	In season	In season	In season	In season	In season	In season	In season	In season	In season	In season	In season	In season
MULLET (RED)	Shoulder season	Shoulder season	Shoulder season	In season	In season	In season	In season	Shoulder season	In season	In season	In season	In season
PLAICE	Shoulder season	Shoulder season	Shoulder season	Shoulder season	Shoulder season	Shoulder season	Shoulder season	Shoulder season	Shoulder season	Shoulder season	Shoulder season	Shoulder season
POLLACK	In season	In season	In season	In season	In season	In season	In season	In season	In season	In season	In season	In season
SKATE	In season	In season	In season	In season	In season	In season	In season	In season	In season	In season	In season	In season
SOLE (DOVER)	Shoulder season	Shoulder season	Shoulder season	Shoulder season	In season	In season	Shoulder season	In season	In season	In season	In season	In season
SQUID	Shoulder season	Shoulder season	Shoulder season	In season	In season	In season	Shoulder season	Shoulder season	Shoulder season	In season	In season	In season
TURBOT	In season	In season	In season	In season	In season	In season	In season	In season	In season	In season	In season	In season
WHITING	In season	In season	In season	In season	In season	In season	Shoulder season	Shoulder season	Shoulder season	Shoulder season	Shoulder season	In season

* Shellfish has not been included due to availability throughout the year.

