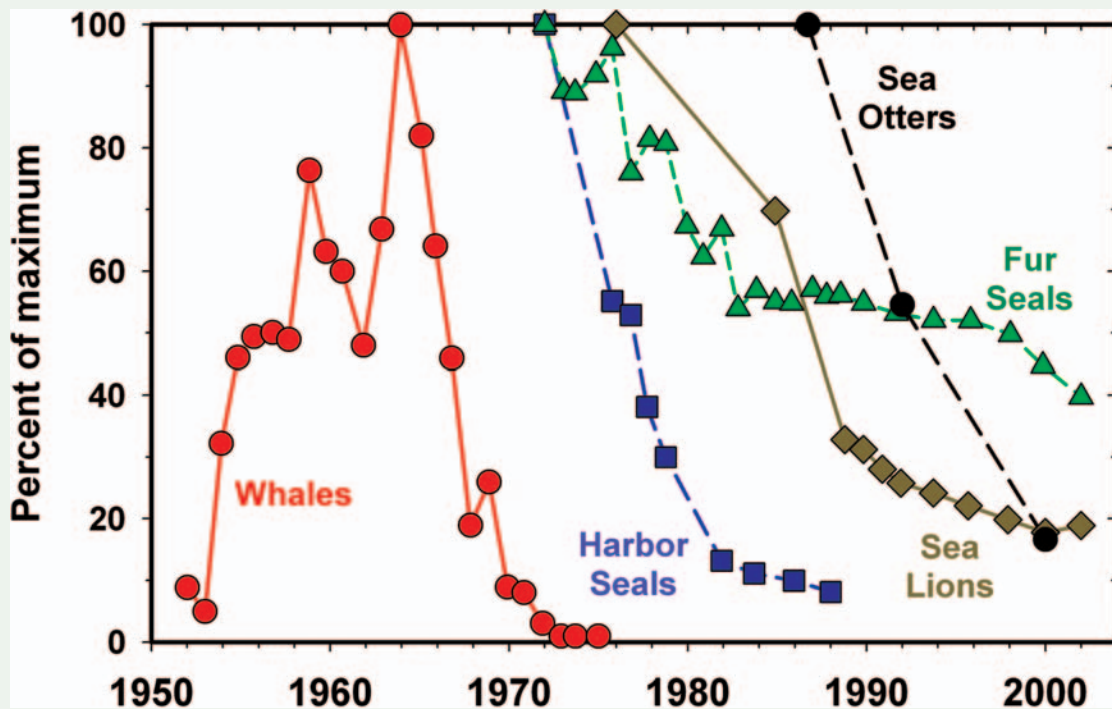


## Chapter 18

# HARVESTING POPULATIONS—HOW TO FISH SUSTAINABLY

### IN THE NEWS

The North Pacific Ocean and the Bering Sea have suffered a major collapse of marine mammal populations during the last 30 years, and there has been considerable controversy over the cause of this problem. The northern fur seal and the harbor seal began the collapse around the mid 1970s and the collapse has continued ever since. This was followed closely by a collapse of Stellar sea lions and sea otters during the 1980s and early 1990s. What could be the cause of this major, sequential collapse of marine mammals in the North Pacific?



*The collapse of marine mammal populations over the past 30 years*