

Review of: "Mental health in fishing communities: An overview of current knowledge and information gaps for fisheries"

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The article is well written. The research is thorough and clearly articulated. I can not comment on the statistical analysis aspect, however the evidence was well documented. The results were clearly written and readily understood for a graduate level reader. The strength of the research is the global attention to various continents and fishers living in varying conditions. It is important work that emphasizes the disparity of mental health research with poorer communities relative to more economically rewarded ones. My only question to the researchers is with regard to the last paragraph of the paper in which they speak of a conflation of mental and physical health aspects. I wonder if part of the cultural understandings of some people in various cultures is to regard mental health as so stigmatized that only physical symptoms will/can be acknowledged. It might be the case that the researchers, intimately familiar with local understandings of well being were able to get more empirical evidence of challenges by including a wide array of measures, including ones that are stress and psychosomatic driven.

I recommend publication of this article.