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Seafood Packaging Market Forecasts to 2034 – Global Analysis By Packaging Type (Vacuum Packaging, Modified Atmosphere Packaging (MAP), Skin Packaging, Flexible Packaging, Rigid Packaging, Shrink Packaging, and Other Packaging Types), Material, Seafood Type, Packaging Format, Distribution Channel, and By Geography

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Abstracts

According to Stratistics MRC, the Global Seafood Packaging Market is accounted for $18.6 billion in 2026 and is expected to reach $30.3 billion by 2034 growing at a CAGR of 6.3% during the forecast period. Seafood packaging encompasses materials and solutions designed to protect, preserve, and transport fresh, frozen, ready-to-cook, and ready-to-eat seafood products. This market includes various packaging formats including modified atmosphere packaging, vacuum packaging, and active packaging technologies that extend shelf life and maintain product quality. The market serves retail, foodservice, wholesale, and e-commerce distribution channels. Growing global seafood consumption, increasing demand for convenience seafood products, and rising consumer awareness of food safety and quality drive market expansion across all regions.

Market Dynamics:

Driver:

Growing global seafood consumption and demand for convenience products

The rising global consumption of seafood and increasing demand for convenient, ready-to-eat products are primary drivers for the seafood packaging market. Seafood is recognized as a healthy protein source, with consumers incorporating more fish and shellfish into their diets. Busy lifestyles and changing eating habits are driving demand for value-added seafood products including pre-portioned, marinated, and ready-to-cook options. These products require specialized packaging to maintain freshness and convenience. Expanding retail availability and foodservice seafood offerings further support packaging demand. As global seafood consumption continues growing, packaging requirements expand accordingly, driving sustained market growth.

Restraint:

Environmental concerns regarding plastic packaging waste

Growing environmental concerns about plastic packaging waste represent a significant restraint for the seafood packaging market. Traditional seafood packaging relies heavily on plastic materials including films, trays, and polystyrene for their protective and insulating properties. Increasing consumer awareness of marine plastic pollution and the environmental impact of packaging materials is creating pressure for sustainable alternatives. Regulatory restrictions on single-use plastics and packaging waste in various regions are affecting packaging material choices. The challenge of balancing sustainability with product protection and shelf-life requirements creates complexity for packaging manufacturers. These environmental pressures are driving significant packaging innovation and material substitution.

Opportunity:

Development of sustainable and recyclable packaging solutions

The growing demand for environmentally friendly packaging presents significant opportunities for seafood packaging market expansion. Manufacturers are developing biodegradable, compostable, and recyclable alternatives to traditional plastic seafood packaging. Innovations in paper-based packaging with barrier coatings are enabling sustainable solutions for various seafood applications. Recyclable mono-material flexible films are replacing multi-layer non-recyclable laminates. Active and intelligent packaging technologies that extend shelf life while reducing packaging material usage are gaining traction. As consumer preference for sustainable packaging increases and regulations tighten, demand for eco-friendly seafood packaging solutions accelerates, creating substantial growth opportunities.

Threat:

Fluctuating raw material costs and supply chain volatility

Volatile raw material costs and supply chain uncertainties pose significant threats to the seafood packaging market. Packaging materials including plastics, paper, and aluminum are subject to price fluctuations driven by energy costs, raw material availability, and global trade dynamics. Supply chain disruptions including logistics bottlenecks, port congestion, and raw material shortages affect production and distribution. The seafood industry's dependence on timely packaging supply, particularly for fresh and chilled products, creates vulnerability to disruptions. Geopolitical tensions and trade policies affect global material flows. These cost and supply uncertainties challenge manufacturer profitability and product pricing stability.

Covid-19 Impact:

The COVID-19 pandemic had a mixed impact on the seafood packaging market. Foodservice demand declined sharply during lockdowns, while retail and e-commerce seafood sales surged as consumers increased home cooking. Frozen and shelf-stable seafood packaging benefited from stockpiling behavior. Supply chain disruptions affected packaging material availability and production capacity. Food safety concerns heightened demand for hygienic and tamper-evident packaging solutions. E-commerce seafood sales accelerated, creating demand for insulated shipping packaging. Post-pandemic, hybrid consumption patterns have emerged with sustained retail and e-commerce growth alongside foodservice recovery, expanding packaging market opportunities.

The Frozen Seafood Packaging segment is expected to be the largest during the forecast period

The Frozen Seafood Packaging segment is expected to account for the largest market share during the forecast period, driven by the extensive trade in frozen seafood globally and the essential role of packaging in maintaining product quality during extended storage and transport. Frozen seafood packaging includes materials designed for low-temperature environments, with features including moisture barriers and ice crystal prevention. The segment benefits from sustained consumer demand for frozen seafood, which offers convenience and year-round availability. Frozen packaging extends shelf life significantly, reducing food waste and enabling global seafood distribution. As frozen seafood trade expands and consumers maintain freezer stock, this segment sustains dominant market position.

The E-commerce segment is expected to have the highest CAGR during the forecast period

Over the forecast period, the E-commerce segment is predicted to witness the highest growth rate, fueled by increasing online grocery shopping, expanding seafood delivery services, and improving cold chain logistics for direct-to-consumer shipments. E-commerce seafood sales require specialized packaging ensuring temperature control and product integrity during transit. Insulated shipping containers, gel packs, and thermal liners are essential for maintaining seafood quality. Subscription-based seafood delivery services and direct-to-consumer brands are expanding e-commerce offerings. As consumers increasingly purchase groceries online and seafood delivery options expand, e-commerce becomes the fastest-growing distribution channel for seafood packaging.

Region with largest share:

During the forecast period, the North America region is expected to hold the largest market share, driven by high seafood consumption, established retail and foodservice infrastructure, and significant packaging innovation. The United States represents a major seafood market with diverse consumption patterns. Strong retail sector and consumer preference for convenience products support packaging demand. Regulatory requirements and food safety standards drive packaging quality and innovation. E-commerce seafood sales are expanding rapidly across the region. With significant seafood consumption and packaging innovation, North America maintains its dominant market position throughout the forecast period.

Region with highest CAGR:

Over the forecast period, the Asia-Pacific region is anticipated to exhibit the highest CAGR, driven by growing seafood consumption, expanding middle-class populations, and increasing demand for convenience seafood products. Countries including China, India, Vietnam, and Indonesia are experiencing rising seafood consumption and modernization of retail infrastructure. Urbanization is driving demand for packaged seafood products. E-commerce platforms are expanding seafood availability. Economic growth creates opportunities for packaged seafood adoption. As consumption patterns evolve and retail modernization accelerates, Asia Pacific delivers the fastest seafood packaging market growth globally.

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Key players in the market

Some of the key players in Seafood Packaging Market include Amcor plc, Sealed Air Corporation, Berry Global Group, Inc., Mondi plc, Sonoco Products Company, Coveris Holdings S.A., Smurfit Westrock plc, Huhtamaki Oyj, Winpak Ltd., Constantia Flexibles Group GmbH, ProAmpac LLC, DS Smith Plc, UFlex Limited, LC Packaging International BV, Sabert Corporation, Printpack Inc., Pactiv Evergreen Inc., and Genpak, LLC.

Key Developments:

In April 2026, Smurfit Westrock hosted its European Innovation Event for over 200 global clients, showcasing advanced, AI-enabled packaging design capabilities and new substrate-agnostic; water-resistant fiber coatings intended to replace traditional styrofoam and multi-layer plastics in wet-chilled logistics, such as fresh fish transit.

In February 2026, Amcor expanded its proprietary Skinnova seafood packaging line to integrate high-barrier recycled films specifically engineered for frozen fish applications, lowering the product's overall carbon footprint by 45% compared to standard modified atmosphere packaging (MAP).

In January 2026, Sealed Air finalized the commercialization of an active packaging technology featuring specialized oxygen scavengers built directly into the films, specifically designed to extend the shelf life of high-value chilled crustacean exports during transit.

Packaging Types Covered:

- Vacuum Packaging
- Modified Atmosphere Packaging (MAP)
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- Flexible Packaging
- Rigid Packaging
- Shrink Packaging

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Other Packaging Types

Materials Covered:

Plastic

Paper and Paperboard

Metal

Glass

Bio-based Materials

Seafood Types Covered:

Fish

Crustaceans

Mollusks

Shellfish

Other Seafood Types

Packaging Formats Covered:

Fresh Seafood Packaging

Frozen Seafood Packaging

Ready-to-Cook Packaging

Ready-to-Eat Packaging

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Distribution Channels Covered:

- Retail
- Foodservice
- Wholesale
- E-commerce

Regions Covered:

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Rest of Africa

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