



CFSI Activities and Accomplishments

- Guided CARES 2 methodology for an equitable distribution of revenue based on amount of damage to each company netting more revenue than CARES 2 to qualifying companies. Many companies saw a 65-fold increase in amounts received due to CFSI intervention.
- Engaged health officials, legislature, and CDFW on matters of domoic acid (crab, lobster, urchin) and negative impact on all seafood sales.
- Distributed health advisories to members and responded to media inquiries.
- Coordinated members of the state legislature and Congress to ask Secretary of Commerce to declare federal disaster for impacted fisheries (crab, salmon, sardine, urchin).
- Announced webinars on modernized seafood nutritional facts.
- Shared new educational videos, smoked fish school.
- Sponsored legislation to ensure landing taxes do not exceed the rate of inflation, nor apply to imported seafood.
- Supported the exempted fishing permit (EFP) for swordfish as well as to study viable alternatives to add options for take.
- Engaged with the FDA to combat misleading seafood labeling by plant-based protein companies.
- Urged Governor to support industry-based nominees to the PFMC.
- Fought extreme ENGOs on unfounded claims and legislation banning commercial take in federal waters offshore California.
- Promote seafood health benefits to associate members* (see next page), media, and state legislature.
- Fought for access to well-managed stocks of fish and shellfish in California, the west coast, and worldwide.
- Kept members up to date on important seafood issues via CFSI newsletter SEA NOTES, sent every Friday morning.
- Co-Sponsored Senate bill 80 that provides a regulatory path for the Department of Public Health, Food and Drug Division to allow crab to be processed when Domoic acid levels are higher than allowed by law in the viscera (but not the meat).

Import, Trade and Tariff Issues:

- Members advised and sent information on the following:
 - US Seafood Import Monitoring Program, final rule on traceability.
 - Vietnam files WTO complaint against USDA catfish inspection, CFSI monitored, advised members.
 - Labeling/warning issues re: Imported seafood warning requirements.
 - FDA confirms EU's shellfish is equivalent to U.S. standards.

- Co-sponsors of seafood safety workshops.
- Advise members of new Prop 65 warning requirements.
- Advised of seafood import restrictions.
- Engaged state health department and US FDA to halt mislabeling of plant-based protein as seafood.
- EU catch verification processes.
- Monitored US/China tariff negotiations.
- Fought import restrictions on seafood from Baja Norte, how to comply with documents needed for compliance.
- Skate labeling and shark fin restrictions.
- Kept landing taxes on imports off the legislative agenda.

Aquaculture:

- Pushed for completion of Programmatic Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) for offshore aquaculture.
- Promoted farmed fish and shellfish to consumers, regulators, legislators, and media.
- Advocated for new offshore finfish and shellfish farms in southern California.
- Supported initiative to triple coastal oyster, clam, and mussel production.
- Attended area workshops supporting citing of first California offshore farm as model Project.

Did You Know?

CFSI Maintains Professional Working Relationships With:

- California Department of Health, Food and Drug Branch
- California Department of Fish and Wildlife
- California Department of Food and Agriculture, Marketing Division
- California Fish and Game Commission
- California Ocean Protection Council
- California State Assembly, Senate, Administration
- California Resources Agency
- University of California Sea Grant Program
- USC Sea Grant Program
- * California Grocers Association
- * California Restaurant Association
- * California Retailers Association
- California Chamber of Commerce
- Consumer Brands Association
- Food Marketing Institute
- * National Fisheries institute
- National Marine Fisheries Service
- US Food and Drug Administration
- Pacific Fisheries Management Council
- Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission
- West Coast Seafood Processors Association