



CFSI Activities and Accomplishments

Import, Trade and Tariff Issues:

- Members advised and sent information on the following:
 - 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.
 - 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.
 - Co-coordinated national coalition to appoint Chris Oliver as head of NOAA Fisheries.
 - Countered California Department of Health regarding shellfish labeling 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.

General:

- Sponsored legislation to ensure landing taxes do not exceed the rate of inflation.
- 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.
- Legislated workable solution to electronic filing of landing tickets.
- Urged Governor to support industry-based nominees to the PFMC.
- 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.
- 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.
- Fought extreme ENGOs on unfounded claims and legislation banning nets to take swordfish 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.

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 SeaGrant Program
- USC SeaGrant Program
- * California Grocers Association
- * California Restaurant Association
- * California Retailers Association
- California Chamber of Commerce
- Grocery Manufacturers of America
- 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

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