CFSI Activities and Accomplishments

- Assisted CFSI members with COVID-19 relief programs including:
    - o $7430.00 CARES Act payments to many CFSI members.
    - o Paycheck Protection Program (PPP).
    - o SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDL).
- 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.

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.

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

*Reciprocal members of CFSI