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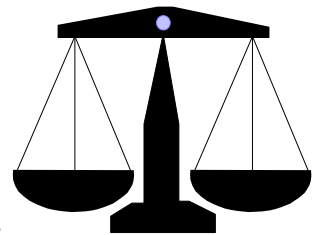
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SFA CHALLENGES BALLOT SUMMARY SUCCESSFULLY

Southeastern Fisheries Association challenged the petition supported by a variety of anti-commercial fishing groups including the *Florida Audubon Society, Coastal Conservation Association, Florida Wildlife Federation, Florida League of Anglers, EarthJustice Legal Defense Fund, Sierra Club, and the Fish & Wildlife Conservation Committee*, which would have combined the Florida Marine Fisheries Commission with the Florida Game and Freshwater Fish Commission. On January 8, 1998, the Florida Supreme Court ruled in favor of the Association's challenge. The Justices said in their Opinion, that "*as in Askew, the problem 'lies not with what the summary says, but, rather with what it does not say'.* *Id.* At 156. *The summary does not explain to the reader that the power to regulate marine life lies solely with the legislature, which has delegated that power to not only the Marine Fisheries Commission but also the Department of Environmental Protection and the Department of Agriculture. Though the summary states that the purpose of the amendment is to 'unify' the Marine Fisheries Commission with the Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission, these two entities do not share the same status. Despite the common label 'commission', the former is a legislative creation while the latter enjoys independent constitutional stature. Thus the proposed amendment does*

not unify the two so much as it strips the legislature of its exclusive power to regulate marine life and grants it to a constitutional entity. The summary does not sufficiently inform the public of this transfer of power. Accordingly, because the ballot summary does not meet the requirements of section 101.161, the title, summary and proposed text must be stricken from the ballot. It is so ordered."



UNIFICATION OF GAME & FISH AND MFC PASSES REVISION COMMISSION

On January 12, the Florida Constitutional Revision Commission (CRC), in a 24-0 vote, decided to include the unification of the Game & Freshwater Fish Commission and the Marine Fisheries Commission on the November ballot despite the Supreme Court ruling, outlined in the previous article. At this point the CRC will have to write another ballot summary, which CAN-NOT be challenged. On the motion of Clay Henderson, CEO for Florida Audubon and a voting member of the CRC, the issue was steamrolled to pas-

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SFA is a non-profit association founded in 1952, charged with maintaining a viable seafood industry in the Southeast.

Robert P. Jones, Editor



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sage. The unification places a whole class of citizens outside the normal protection of due process and the new due process will only be that which is established by four appointed commissioners. If such a blatant attack were perpetrated on any other class of citizens other than commercial fishermen, the media would be raising all kinds of hell but in this instance they seem to be all for it. The only hope the fishermen have lies with the federal courts.

A Note from our President

Greetings,

Welcome to our new members and thank you to all our loyal long time members. SFA increased its membership by 35% in 1997 and expects to beat that in 1998. Founded in 1952, we are enjoying our 46th year of serving America's First Industry. We are proud to be your professional trade association.

Since July, HACCP has dominated SFA's activities. We trained 365 fishing industry leaders in the HACCP concepts and principles and taught each one all about critical control points. Everyone certified by SFA realized after a few hours in class that HACCP is a good concept. When utilized with their own experiences, common sense and a sound sanitation program, they felt it is a system long overdue by any firm that handles food products. They also realized that it is just a matter of time before the harvesters and retail seafood markets are included in the program.

During the next few years, we believe FDA will tighten down on sanitation requirements and begin to fine tune the HACCP regulations in an effort to monitor fishery products from the "boat to the throat." As a result of this projection, SFA will embark on a program establishing Good Vessel Practices (GVP's) and will recognize all those who voluntarily participate.

The **SFA Gold Seal HACCP Program Award** for companies will be unveiled in the near future with requirements for receiving this award to be distributed to all SFA members in February. The rigid certification process will begin in March and the initial recipients will be recognized in Orlando in June at the annual SFA meeting.

Again, welcome to SFA. Utilize the services we offer as often as you need them. Take a look at your web site as it continues to grow daily: <http://www.southeasternfish.org>

Sincerely yours,
Steve Cox, President

ECO s Bash Commercial Fishermen

In a tri-city media blitz held on Monday January 12, 1998, in Washington, DC, Los Angeles and London, the Pew Charitable Trusts' SeaWeb project, Ocean Wildlife Campaign, World Wildlife Fund and the American Sport-fishing Association released a "clandestine, never before seen" 12 minute video of a commercial fishing boat in Pacific waters showing "crew members" beating sharks, cutting off their fins, and ancient turtles and whales being dragged up in their nets by bottom trawling gear. It could be the fishing trip portrayed in their video took place, but it could also be like

some of the pictures that appeared in the Florida Sportsman magazine et al which look like staged photo opportunities showing fish in tangled pieces of net to make the industry look bad. FCA's brochure showed a turtle in a cargo net but the general public couldn't tell the difference. The Pew Charitable Trust seems to want to do something positive to help the oceans, (other than oil spill related, of course) and after hiring the Mellman Group to help determine where the "Hot Buttons" are to stir up the population, it appears they have decided to target the commercial fishermen as the "devil" to be fought in order to save the earth. Unbelievable how unlimited funds can corrupt and influence the uninformed.

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Raw Shellfish Warnings. On Dec. 12, 1997, the NC Commission for Health Services voted unanimously to adopt a proposal that requires all NC restaurants and seafood houses to post signs warning about the health risks of eating raw shellfish. [Assoc Press]

Swordfish Concerns. On Dec. 4, 1997, the SC Dept. of Natural Resources released a report critical of federal and international regulations limiting swordfish harvest along the Atlantic coast. Concerns include the encroachment of commercial longline fishermen in nearshore waters leading to increasing conflicts with sport fishermen. [Assoc Press]

Endangered Turtles and TX Shrimpers. On Dec. 1, 1997, the National Fisheries Institute (NFI) and the Texas Shrimp Assoc. announced

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INVEST IN THE SEAFOOD INDUSTRY

Southeastern Fisheries Association has been publishing their "Hotlines" newsletter monthly for 32 years. We are expanding the format of the newsletter to include photos, guest editorials, technical information, marketing trends, member information and many articles each month pertinent to the seafood industry both in the southeast and around the world. Our readership consists of members, government agencies, elected officials, prospective members and anyone who requests such publication.

Complete the form below and return to the SFA office with your black and white business card and a check for \$200 and we will give you an ad spot in 4 issues of the "Hotlines"



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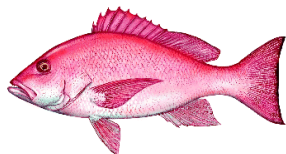
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that they would each match the NMFS \$5,000 reward for information leading to prosecution of individuals responsible for the mutilated sea turtles found along the TX coast in early November 1997. [Assoc Press, NFI press release]

Illegal Tuna Sale. In late December 1997, three NC fishermen agreed to pay fines totaling about \$20,000 for illegal possession and planned sale of Atlantic bluefin tuna. The tuna had been mutilated to conceal that they were bluefin rather than a less-regulated species. [Assoc Press]

Red Snapper Report.

On Dec. 22, 1997, NMFS released a "Consolidated Report on the Peer Review of Red Snapper Research and Management in the Gulf of Mex-



ico." The combined report of 3 peer review panels concludes that this red snapper stock is severely overfished and that fishing effort and bycatch of juvenile red snapper by the shrimp fishery must be reduced. In addition to reductions in the directed catch of red snapper, the peer review panel recommendations included the use of bycatch reduction devices, time-area closures, and bycatch quotas or other effort/capacity reductions in the shrimp fishery. [NOAA press release]

HACCP Deadline. On Dec. 18, 1997, new U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP) regulations to promote seafood sanitation and safety become effective for seafood processors and importers providing products for the U.S. market. Critics remain concerned because the regulations do not apply to fishing vessels or retail stores. [Assoc Press]

"White Meat" Feud. On Dec. 17, 1997, the Wall Street Journal reported that the Maine Lobster Promotion Council and the National Pork Producers Council had reached an out-of-court settlement over use of the words "white meat" in advertising. The National Pork Producers Council had sued the Maine Lobster Promotion Council over its use of the slogan "The Ultimate White Meat" as unfairly infringing on the Pork Council's use of the slogan "The Other White Meat." The agreement appeared to require that the Lobster Council make cosmetic changes in its advertising. [Assoc Press, Reuters]

Sharks and Cancer. On Dec. 16, 1997, officials Magainin Pharmaceuticals Inc. reported the first test of the



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drug, squalamine, on a human cancer patient. Squalamine, prepared from an extract of shark liver tissue, was injected to treat a patient with colon cancer at San Antonio, TX's Cancer Therapy & Research Center. The effectiveness of the squalamine treatment will be assessed in about 6 weeks. A second trial of the drug is scheduled for Georgetown Univ. Hospital, Washington, DC. [Reuters]

Infectious Salmon Anemia.

On Dec. 11, 1997, New Brunswick's Fisheries Minister ordered the destruction of all farmed Atlantic salmon in affected cages in the Bay of Fundy, due to the discovery of infectious salmon anemia. At least 200,000 fish

would have to be killed. At the same time, the Province offered interest-free loans and loan guarantees to affected operators. Of 80 licensed marine sites for salmon farming, 21 are in virus-infected bays. [Assoc Press]

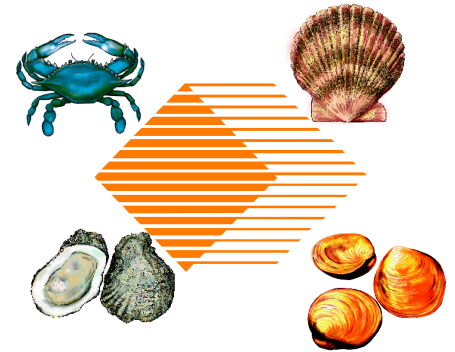
Marine Mammals Manatee

Mortality. In early January 1998, FL Dept. of Environmental Protection officials announced that 240 manatees were known to have died in 1997 -- the second highest annual death count since recordkeeping began in 1974. [Assoc Press]

Whalemeat for Lunch?

In mid-December 1997, officials of Shimonoseki, Japan, announced that

whalemeat would be placed on the local school lunch menu for a single day in early 1998 for 25,000 students, to stimulate pride in the port's historical role in Antarctic whaling. Shimonoseki would be the second Japanese community to place whalemeat on the school lunch menu. [Assoc Press]



SFA HACCP Training Still Going Strong - Going International

The following industry people have received HACCP Training Certification through SFA's HACCP Training program. People and firms trained under SFA's program have an added benefit of becoming part of the SFA family and are included on the SFA database where they will be notified concerning any new regulations or announcements by the regulators. Executive Director Bob Jones was the instructor for all classes.

Class 21, Miami, FL, Marriott Hotel, Lejuene Rd., December 8, 1997

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| Tom Sayer | Capt. Tom's Sfd. |
| Raul Cruz | Laly Seafood |
| Luis A. Martinez | Lista Enterprises |
| Luis A. Martinez Jr. | Lista Enterprises |
| Thierry Smits | T.W. Seafood |
| Robert Bowman | J.D. Seafood |
| Rossanna Soto | Blue Horizon Seafood |
| Barry Ribman | Imperial Seafood |
| Manuel Quintano | Manny's Enterprise |
| Ricardo Ramos | Dolphin Fisheries Inc. |
| Mark Reed | Barnacle Sea Specialties |
| Raymond Sterling | Barnacle Sea Specialties |
| Lawrence Oxenberg | Barnacle Sea Specialties |
| Clifford Ludwig | Ludwig Shrimp Company |
| Timothy Krohn | Paul Barnett Seafoods |
| Steve Vincennie | Shrimpy Seafood |
| Ester Schwann | Schwann Seafood |

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| Jaime Munguia | Atlantic Seafresh |
| Luis Gonzales | D.C. Seafood |
| Judy Mioduchoski | Everglades Seafood Express |
| Scott Massey | Barnacle Sea Specialties |
| Roy L. Kibbe | Roy L. Kibbe Inc. |
| Rudy Niberding | Mariscos Islenos |
| Howard Callender Jr. | Caribbean Seafoods Intl. |
| Prescilla Callendar | Caribbean Seafoods Intl. |

Class 22, Miami, FL, Marriott Hotel, Lejeune Rd., December 9, 1997

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| Mark Robert Jones | Alaska Seafood Marketing Insti. |
| Peter V. Ketchum | Sahlman Seafood |
| Tom Ek | Seafood World |
| Roy Bennett | Merrick Seafood |
| Stephen Burke | Keys Fisheries Inc. |
| Carlo Saratelli | Fiorelli Specialty Foods |
| Brendon Berkenfeld | A & S Seafood |

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Aileen Santiago	America's Custom Brokers
Cynthia Pilling	Seacrest Inc.
Elba Lorea Larramendi	Kai-Eder Exports, C.A.
Raymond Courte`	God's International
Cindy Courte`	God's Internatnional
Kevin Judah	Judah & Son Seafood
Ronnie G. Pressley	Keys Fisheries Inc.
James F. McClendon	Keys Fisheries Inc.
Roselle Friedman	Waldo Medical Supplies
Allen Waldman	Waldo Medical Supplies

Class 23, Tallahassee, FL Blue Pelican Restaurant December 13, 1997

Jon Clinkscales	Crab Cooler Seafood
Larry Clinkscales	West Fortune St. Seafood
Ronald B. Hamlin	Dixie Fish Company
Bruce Millender	Sea Quest
Freida A. Philmon	Philmon Seafood
Nguyet Nguyen	Fla Crab
Bill Evans	Conyers Seafood
Roy Dick	R & N Sales
James Stovall	Road Runner Seafood Inc
Thomas E. Linton Jr.	Linton Seafood
Thanh Vu	N.T.T. Seafood
Tom Haugen	T.H.Seafoods
Gaynell M. Martin	Martin's Meat & Seafood
Evelyn Delcambre	Bozo's Seafood
Don Scallan	Scallans Crawfish
James R. Bradley Jr.	Capt. Brad's Seafood
Douglas Horn	Clarks Seafood
Sanford Horn	Clarks Seafood
Nguyen Hai	Southeast Crab & Seafood
Craig Barker	Destin Seafood Exchange
Harris Barker	Destin Seafood Exchange
Tommy Cai	Tommy Cai Seafood

Class 24, Mayport, Florida, Safety harbor Seafood, December 19, 1997

Gerald Pack	Safe Harbor Seafood
Paul Combs	Seabreeze Seafoods
Pam Kennedy	Fernandina Seafood
Catherine Reid	Safe Harbor Seafood
Earl A. Capo	Safe HarborSeafood

Class 25, St. Augustine, Florida, Leonard & Son, December 20, 1997

Elroy Leonard	Leonard & Sons
Wallace Brown	Leonard & Sons

Class 26, Pensacola, FL, Fisher-Brown Insurance, December 22, 1997

Michael E. Parker	Parker Seafood
Tom Allen	Allen Seafood Inc.
Larry Nix	Nix Brothers Seafood
Rian LaFon	Fish Peddler, Gulf Breeze
Tim Allen	Perdido Bay Seafood

Class 27, Port St. Joe, FL Raffield Fisheries, December 18, 1997

Eugene Raffield	Raffield Fisheries
Marie Davis	Raffield Fisheries
Kevin Davis	Raffield Fisheries

Class 28, Tallahassee, FL, SFA Office, January 10, 1998

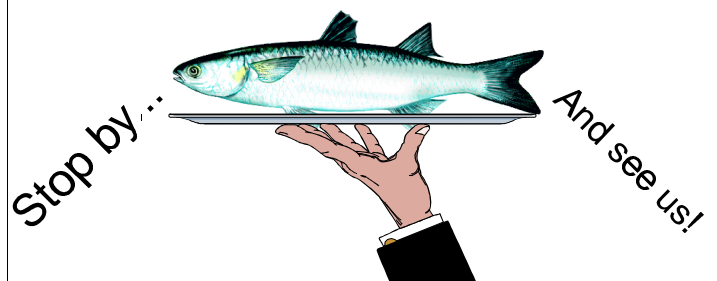
Marilyn Perez	Condorito Seafood
Andre Canova	Condorito Seafood

SFA Third Party Foreign & Domestic Training Trainee State/Country 3rd party

Salim S. Velji	Africa	(Dubrucq)
Dr. E. Okong'o	Africa	(Dubrucq)
Mehboob S. Fazal	Africa	(Dubrucq)
M.N. Mking'ara	Africa	(Dubrucq)
Robert L. Burcaw	New Jersey	"e" mail

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Welcome to SFA New Members: SFA is proud to welcome the following new members into its growing family of successful seafood companies. We encourage each member to support one another for the overall good of maintaining an economic and cultural presence for commercial fishing in America as well as providing marine protein to the people.

Full Corporate Members (\$800.00)

Condorita Sea Food, Inc., Miami, FL

Market/Retail Members (\$200.00)

A & L Seafood, Lake Worth, FL
Allen Seafood Enterprises, Inc., Pensacola, FL
America's Custom Brokers, Inc., Miami, FL
Atlantic Seafresh, Inc., Ft. Lauderdale, FL
Barnacle SeaSpecialties, Inc.,
Ft. Lauderdale, FL
Blue Horizons, Coral Gables, FL
Bozo's Grocery, Pascagoula, Ms.
Capt. Brad's Seafood, Hernando Beach, FL
Capt. Tom's Seafood, Marathon, FL
Caribbean Sea Foods Intern., Inc., Miami, FL
C. B. Docks, Inc., Ft. Pierce, FL
Conyers Seafood, Conyers, Ga.
Crab Cooler Seafood, Tampa, FL
D. C. Seafood, Marathon, FL
Destin Seafood Exchange, Destin, FL
Distribudora de Mariscos Los 7, Miami, FL
Dixie Fish Company, Inc., Panama City, FL
Everglades Seafood Express, Inc.,
Lauderhill, FL

Fernandina Seafood Co., Inc.,
Fernandina Beach, FL
Fiorelli Specialty Foods, Lantana, FL
Florida Crab, Inc., Panama City, FL
God's Creations Intern., Inc.,
Ft. Lauderdale, FL
Imperial Seafood, Inc., Hollywood, FL
J. D. Seafood, Inc., Margate, FL
Judah & Son's, Sebastian, FL
Roy L. Kibbe, St. James City, FL
Kai-Eder Exports, C.A., Caracas, Venezuela
Laly Seafood, Inc., Miami, FL
Leonard & Sons Shrimp Co. #2,
Georgetown, SC
Thomas E. Linton, Jr., Crawfordville, FL
Lista Enterprise Seafood Corp., Hialeah, FL
Ludwig Shrimp Co., Miami, FL
Manny's Enterprise, Davie, FL
Mariscos, Islenos, Coral Springs, FL
Martin's Meats & Seafood, Inc.,
Pascagoula, MS
Merrick Seafood South, Inc., Cape Coral, FL
N. T. T. Seafood, Southport, FL
Nix Brothers Seafood, Pensacola, FL

Parker Seafood - Panhandle Distributors
Pensacola, FL
Paul Barnett Seafoods, N. Miami, FL
Perdido Bay Seafood, Perdido Key, FL
Philmon Seafood, Cross City, FL
R & N Sales, Griffin, GA
Road Runner Seafood, Inc., Colquitt, GA
Scallans Crawfish & Cajun Foods,
Jacksonville, FL
Schwann Seafood, Deerfield Beach, FL
Sea Breeze Seafood & Meats Dist.,
Jacksonville, FL
Seacrest, Inc., Boca Raton, FL
Sea Quest, Apalachicola, FL
Seafood World, Lighthouse Point, FL
Shrimpy Seafood, N. Miami, FL
Southeast Crab & Seafood Co., Vernon, FL
T. H. Seafoods, St. Marks, FL
T & W Seafood, Inc., Coral Springs, FL
The Fish Peddler of Gulf Breeze, Inc.,
Gulf Breeze, FL
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Walldo Medical Supplies, Miami Beach, FL
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