

SOUTHEASTERN FISHERIES ASSOCIATION INC.

Southeastern Fisheries Association (SFA) was founded in Jacksonville, Florida in 1952. The umbrella organization represents all segments of the United States seafood industry on local, state, regional and national issues. Members include harvesters, dealers, processors and distributors.



Shrimp, grouper, crabs, shellfish and myriad species of fish are part of our member's harvest.



Spiny lobster and all seafood harvested in the southeastern states are sustainable according to NOAA.



SFA represents nearly three hundred small businesses, primarily in Florida, employing thousands of people directly and creating thousands more jobs in associated trade including seafood restaurants that depend on professional, licensed commercial fishermen for a share of the nation's renewable marine resources.

SFA members harvest or process 90% of the shrimp catch, 90% of the stone crab and spiny lobster catch, and a majority of all seafood landed in Florida.

SFA is active in conservation and management of all fisheries in the southeast and participates in the Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic Fishery Management Council process. SFA members have chaired a Fishery Management Council and many members serve on myriad Advisory Committees.

SFA charter boat members led the way for the current red snapper tagging project through the Florida Fish & Wildlife Commission.

SFA has long been active in true conservation. It was SFA leadership that spearheaded the 3,000,000 acre Tortugas Shrimp Nursery Area. It remains closed to trawling for almost thirty years to protect juvenile pink shrimp that depend on Florida Bay and the nursery area for survival.

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Key Issues 114th Congress:
Inadequate NOAA stock assessments in the southeast result in arbitrary allocations of seafood for consumers

Reform the Magnuson-Stevens Act without giving states control of federal fish

Collaborate with state & federal agencies on reasonable seafood safety, sustainability and traceability

Stop NOAA's efforts to create a massive marine sanctuary from Fort Pierce to Jacksonville that would destroy thousands of fishing jobs & businesses

Permanent Congressional relief from EPA NPDES permits for incidental discharges during normal operation of fishing vessels

Repeal Executive Order 13547 designed to reduce human activity on our oceans under a National Ocean Policy that was never authorized by Congress.