Maryland Seafood Marketing Program

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Established by law in 2005.

Mission: to encourage the development of the Maryland aquaculture industry and support the economic viability of the Maryland seafood industry.

Vision: a state that supports growth in the aquaculture ndustry and promotes prosperity in the seafood ndustry.

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Seafood Marketing Advisory Commission

ion: A prosperous seafood industry that provides high quality food products commercially caught, grown, processed, or sold in state of Maryland while maintaining sustainable resources and atributing to employment and economic development.

Funding Sources

General Funds from the state

Advertising and promotional funds generated from a surcharge on commercial seafood and processing icenses.

Grant funds from NMFS administered by DNR for Blue Crab Fishery Disaster Relief (until fall of 2012)

Marketing Activities

Advertising

Promotions

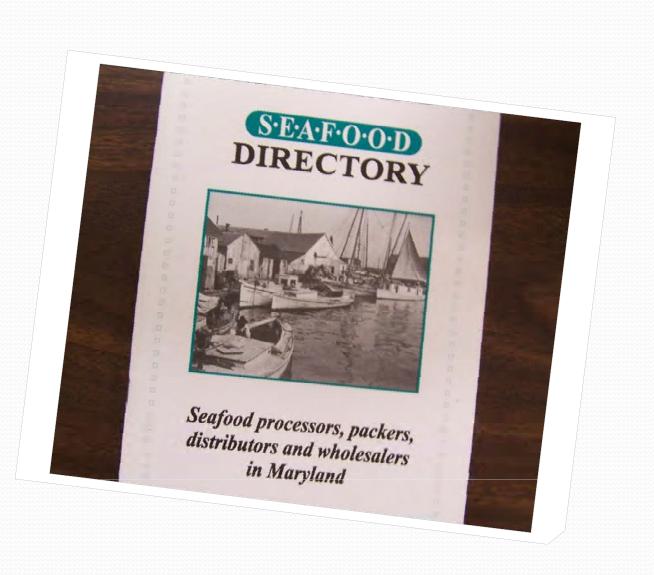
Trade Shows

Consumer Education

ndustry Support

laryland Seafood Directory

your company in the ryland Seafood Directory





Tidewater Recipes; II Chefs

Favorites: and III Modern

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receive by mail. Brochures

feature the best of

www.marylandseafood.org

Searchable Data Base for Wholesalers/Retailers

Create a special page for Farm-Raised Oyster

Companies

List of places that sell Farm-Raised Oysters restaurants and markets)

neric Advertising

de Magazines wspapers ectories



ade Shows

exhibit at the ernational Boston Seafood



Promotions



Press Releases

ically a story sent out to announce "news" rade show attendance

lew aquaculture ventures

pening of a harvest season

nnouncement of harvest data

Promoting Your Product

Get on the "Local" bandwagon
Farm-Raised Oysters are Sustainable
Web site for your company, social networking
Partner with other growers to increase supply
Participate in trade shows, festivals, farmers markets



Sell Your Product

Clean shells, not muddy

High Quality, single oysters

Sustainable resource

Locality, use the location of growing as the selling eature

"Local"

The Maryland Secretary of Agriculture has legislative nuthority to define agricultural products as Local or Locally Grown.

Any agricultural product that is advertised as local or ocally grown must include the state of origin where the product was originally grown or raised, or in the case of seafood, where the product was raised or anded.

Local" Seafood omotions

ws releases vernor's Kick-off mpaign



Sustainability

What is sustainable seafood?

• Seafood is sustainable when the population of that species of fish is managed in a way that provides for today's needs without damaging the ability of the species to reproduce and be available for future generations.

How is Seafood Deemed Sustainable?

n the U.S., the Sustainable Fisheries Act defines sustainable practices through national standards. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) ha created Fish Watch to help guide people to sustainable seafood choices.

Nonprofit groups addressing seafood sustainability nclude: Marine Stewardship Council, World Wildlife Federation and others.

ww.fishwatch.gov

es species that are deemed tainable by NOAA.

• Farm-Raised Oysters



