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## **Gorton's Judson Reis to be Seafood Nutrition Partnership's first Board Chairman**

The Seafood Nutrition Partnership has announced its founding Board of Directors. The organization was founded to raise awareness among Americans about the nutritional benefits of eating seafood through partnerships with public and private industry organizations and companies who share the same goal.

Judson Reis, President & CEO of Gorton's Inc. will be the Chairman of the Partnership's inaugural Board. Reis has been a long-time proponent of building greater awareness of the health benefits of seafood.

"I am honored to be named the first Chair and am eager to help establish an organization that will be pivotal to encouraging a healthier America by increasing seafood consumption," said Reis.

Rounding out the Board's members: Jack Kilgore, President of the Consumer Products Division of Rich Products Corporation, will assume a role as a member of the Board. Kilgore has been involved from the onset to bring a vision for an independent non-profit to highlight seafood's essential health benefits to life.

"We have an opportunity as a seafood community to join together with health and wellness leaders to make a positive difference in our fellow Americans' lives, and that is exciting," said Kilgore.

Meanwhile, Detlef Schrempf, President of the The Detlef Schrempf Foundation has been named to the Board. As an active philanthropist in Seattle WA, Schrempf said he was inspired by the mission to help promote health and wellness on a national level.

"Taking good care of our families through eating a well-balanced diet and frequent exercise needs to be top priority for Americans of all ages. Eating seafood twice a week can be the start of good nutrition habits," said Schrempf.

Additionally, Dr. Allan Walker, the Conrad Taff Professor of Nutrition and Professor of Pediatrics at Harvard Medical School and Professor of Nutrition at the Harvard School of Public Health has been tapped as an original Board member. According to the Partnership, Dr. Walker's research on the importance of nutrition in human development has helped him see firsthand what a great need to encourage Americans to improve their diet.

"I am very supportive of public and private partnerships as an effective means to bring about social change. Seafood Nutrition Partnership is bringing together productive partners that can help make a positive difference with our public health crisis," said Walker.

Finally, Linda Cornish, Executive Director of Seafood Nutrition Partnership will serve as a Board member.