



**Inaugural State of the Science Symposium
Presented by Seafood Nutrition Partnership in partnership with GOED
September 20, 2017, 8am to 3pm (symposium), 3-5pm (reception)
Washington DC**



Ms. Sara Baer-Sinnott, Oldways

Sara Baer-Sinnott is President of Oldways, a nonprofit food and nutrition organization, with a mission to improve public health through education about cultural food traditions, ingredients and lifestyles. Sara joined Oldways in 1992 to work on one of the first overseas Symposiums (Food, Culture and Discovery in Spain) and the first Mediterranean Diet Conference. Sara has been President of Oldways since 2010 and oversees all strategy, projects and programs, and works closely with all members of the staff.



Dr. Tom Brenna, Chair of SNP SNAC, Dell Medical School and College of Natural Science at the University of Texas at Austin

Tom Brenna is professor of pediatrics, of chemistry, and of nutrition at the Dell Medical School and the College of Natural Sciences at the University of Texas at Austin, and recently Professor Emeritus at Cornell University. His group pursues basic and translational research into the chemical, biochemical, metabolic, genetic and ecological aspects of fatty acids. He has served on numerous international policy groups, most recently the 2015 Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee.



Ms. Laurel Bryant, NOAA Fisheries Office of Communications

Laurel is Chief of External Affairs in the Office of Communications for NOAA Fisheries. Graduating from University of Washington with a degree in Political Economics and Environmental Sciences, in 1989 Laurel began working for the House Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee -- predecessor to the House Natural Resources Committee. By 1994, she jumped ship to join the National Marine Fisheries Service where among other positions, she has served as the Executive Director to the Marine Fisheries Advisory Committee, and launched a number of key initiatives to provide more timely information about agency science and stewardship mission, including the weekly electronic newsletter FishNews, and the seafood web interface FishWatch. In her current position, she has focused on building strategic partnerships for the agency to strengthen communications with a broader spectrum of stakeholders involved with the seafood supply chain and build greater familiarity and trust in U.S. fisheries as a global leader in responsible fisheries management. She currently serves as the federal lead for communications related to implementation of the Presidential Task Force



Action Plan to combat illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing and seafood fraud.



Dr. Susan Carlson, University of Kansas Medical Center

Dr. Susan E. Carlson is the AJ Rice Professor of Nutrition and University Distinguished Professor at the University of Kansas Medical Center. She does clinical trials of DHA supplementation in pregnancy and childhood without outcomes related to pregnancy and several aspects of child growth and development including cognition, body composition and cardiometabolic outcomes.



Mr. Tim Fitzgerald, Environmental Defense Fund

Tim has been working to advance seafood sustainability and the health of the world's fisheries at Environmental Defense Fund since 2003. He also maintains a research interest in environmental contaminants in the U.S. seafood supply. Tim serves on the boards of the California Fisheries Fund, Ecofish LLC and GulfWild®, and is a senior advisor to Fair Trade USA and the Conservation Alliance for Seafood Solutions. Originally trained as a shark scientist, he has been featured in Time, The Wall Street Journal, the New York Times, the Aspen Ideas Festival, and NPR's Fresh Air. Tim also provided invited testimony on seafood testing and consumer confidence to President Obama's National Commission on the BP Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill.



Dr. William Harris, OmegaQuant

Dr. Harris is a Professor of Medicine at the Sanford School of Medicine, University of South Dakota in Sioux Falls. He is an internationally recognized expert on omega-3 fatty acids and how they can benefit patients with heart disease. In addition he is the President of OmegaQuant Analytics, LLC.



Captain Joseph R. Hibbeln, National Institutes of Health

Dr. Joseph R. Hibbeln is Acting Chief, Section of Nutritional Neurosciences in the Laboratory of Membrane Biophysics & Biochemistry at the US Government National Institutes of Health. His areas of research include the positive role for Omega-3 fatty acids in depressive and aggressive disorders and the benefits of fish consumption during pregnancy in supporting higher IQ and more optimal social behaviors among children.



Robert Jones, The Nature Conservancy

Robert Jones is the Global Lead for Aquaculture and oversees all aspects of The Nature Conservancy's new Aquaculture Program. The program consists of active projects in seven countries designed to demonstrate the environmental, social, and economic benefits aquaculture provides for people and nature. Prior to joining The Nature Conservancy in February 2016, Robert served as the Program Coordinator for the NOAA Fisheries Office of Aquaculture. In that position, Robert worked to develop the Agency's new Marine Aquaculture Strategic Plan that will help guide the agency's aquaculture activities. Previously, Robert served as Knauss Fellow with the U.S. Department of State where he served as point of contact on aquaculture and represented the United States at international fisheries negotiations in the North Pacific Ocean. Earlier, Robert served in diverse roles for NOAA Fisheries, including as an economic analyst for the Gulf Shrimp Fishery and as a Commercial Fisheries Observer in the Mid-Atlantic. He holds a M.S. in Marine Affairs and Policy from the University of Miami Rosenstiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Science with a concentration in marine aquaculture and B.A. from Boston College in International Studies.



Dr. Scott Nichols, Food's Future

Scott Nichols is the founder and principal of Food's Future, LLC. Through advising business that create aquaculture feeds, raise fish and expand markets for farmed fish, Food's Future works to accelerate aquaculture's contribution to our future food supply. Prior to founding Food's Future, Scott was co-founder and managing director at Verlasso Harmoniously Raised Fish. There, he led Verlasso to develop new farming practices that resulted in Verlasso becoming the first ocean-raised salmon to receive a buy ranking from the Monterey Bay Aquarium Seafood Watch program which recognizes environmentally responsible aquaculture practices. In recognition of his efforts to communicate the value of sustainable seafood, he was named the 2015 Seafood Marketer of the Year by IntraFish. Scott is a Board member of the Aquaculture Stewardship Council. His education includes a Ph.D. in biochemistry from UCLA and, the Advanced Management Program at the Wharton School of Business.



Dr. Judith Rodriguez, University of North Florida

Dr. Judith Rodriguez is chairperson and professor in the department of nutrition and dietetics at the University of North Florida and is the 85th President of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics (AND) serving 2010-2011. Judy is an expert in nutrition education, food and culture, health disparities, and Hispanic/Latino health and nutrition.



Dr. Michael Tlusty, University of Massachusetts Boston

Dr. Michael Tlusty is an associate professor in Sustainability and Food Solutions in the School For The Environment at the University of Massachusetts Boston. His work in seafood involves creating the case for the importance of continual improvement and the role certification had in driving seafood sustainability.