# Turning Tough Times into Opportunity

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## The Industry Is in Tough Shape

Shrimp prices are half of what they were 10 years ago\*

3 major hurricanes have devastated the Louisiana fishing infrastructure

Farm-raised shrimp have taken over 90% of the U.S. market\*\*

Environmental regulations have become increasingly strict

\* NMFS \*\* LSU

# WHERE IS THE

**OPPORTUNITY?** 

### The Opportunity Is ...

In the wild-caught taste that cannot be duplicated by farm-raised product

In the rich storied history and culture of Louisiana shrimp

In the exploding growth of the natural meat and seafood markets

In the market growth brought to us by farm-raised shrimp

THE OPPORTUNITY IS in the difference between how we do it now .... and how we can do it in the future.

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#### **Doing the Same Thing ...**

Competing directly with farm-raised seafood product Being unwilling to be the first to change Making excuses Settling for less than the best quality Selling your product like a commodity

#### Will Bring the Same Results

## The Consumer is King Understand what drives the consumer's buying choices

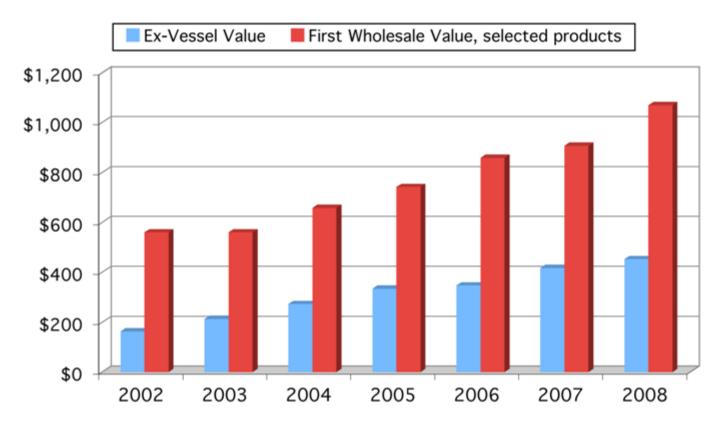
We all work for the consumer

#### Alaska Salmon ... A Parallel Story

10 years ago, pink salmon were 5¢ a pound Fishermen were suing processors for price collusion Salmon were being dumped by the ton and fishermen were on strike Bristol Bay sockeye fishermen ended the season deeper in the hole Farm-raised salmon were taking over the market and wild salmon prices had collapsed

This fishery turnaround provides insight for our future

#### Alaska Salmon Value Growth: \$ Millions, Ex-Vessel and First Wholesale



Source: ADF&G, AK Dept. of Revenue. Fresh & frozen H&G, fresh & frozen fillet, salmon roe, canned salmon

### What Will Work...

Distinguish your Product in the Marketplace Tell the Louisiana Story Tell Your Story

#### **Reputation for Quality**



Quality and marketing pioneers prove that premium wild Alaska salmon—when handled well and chilled properly—has the market, the price, and the flavor to succeed.

"They rave," says Rick. It looks like it came right out of the water. They are totally blown away by what it tastes like. I have more opportunity now than I've had in 20 years. There's a silver lining here if you want to take advantage of it."

#### Your Customers Include ...





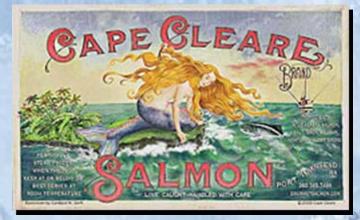


#### **HIGH-END GROCERY OUTLETS**



FARMERS MARKETS

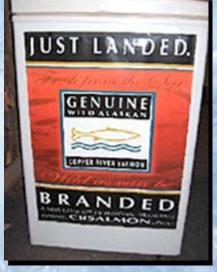
## Name Brand Recognition



Cape Cleare Fishery Port Townsend, WA



Coastal Villages Seafoods AK



Al's Alaska Seafood Howard, CO



Cedars Lodge Ketchikan, AK

#### **Participation in Special Events**

Cook Offs Trade Shows Conferences



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### What Will Work ...

**Create environmentally-friendly fishery** Make environmental groups your ally Seek guidance and certification from Seafood Watch, Marine Stewardship Council and others **Provide your consumer with traceability** Your Engagement Will Open New Markets and Create Opportunity

### **Improve Fishing Techniques**

Use Excluders to Reduce Bycatch



Photos Courtesy of Lance Nacio

A Clean Tow Right Out of the Bag





## What Will Work ... Quality, Quality, Quality

Chill your shrimp immediately from the moment of harvest Build an unbroken Cold Chain Deliver an all-natural product Expect your processor to handle your catch with care Take pride in what you offer the consumer

You are starting out with a superior product

### **Short Tow Times**

First step in producing top quality

#### **On-Deck Organization** Quick sort and quick chill

### Manage Icing & Freezing— Don't Overload

The faster you get it cold the better quality it will be

## THE COLD CHAIN IS KEY

Chill Your Shrimp Immediately Right Out of the Water Chill Across the Dock Chill Through the Plant Chill During Shipping, at the Market, All the Way to the Consumer

#### **Treasure Your Sustainable Resource**



Photos courtesy of Icicle Seafoods

**32' Bristol Bay Gillnetters** Installed Hydraulic Refrigeration Systems



#### Processors pay more for their catch Consumers pay more for a better product





Tenders equipped with 50-ton chilling systems haul product from the grounds to the processor

#### Port Moller plant installed IMS *FastFreeze* system for value-added vacuum-packed consumer-ready product



#### High-End Markets Display Product with Pride



#### **Back Your Promotion with Quality**



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#### **All-Natural Frozen-At-Sea**







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Quick Chilled Right Out of the Water Frozen Onboard with –40° F Ultra-Low Temperature Plate Freezer

#### Handle with Care from the Sea to Your Plate



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### Frozen-At-Sea ... Right Onboard

#### Held at -30°F to -40°F



Photo by George Eliason



Alaska Wild King Crab chilled live onboard with Titanium Chiller and shipped worldwide

Delight the consumer and you'll create raving fans

#### Bruce Gore has Built a Premium Market throughout the Northwest



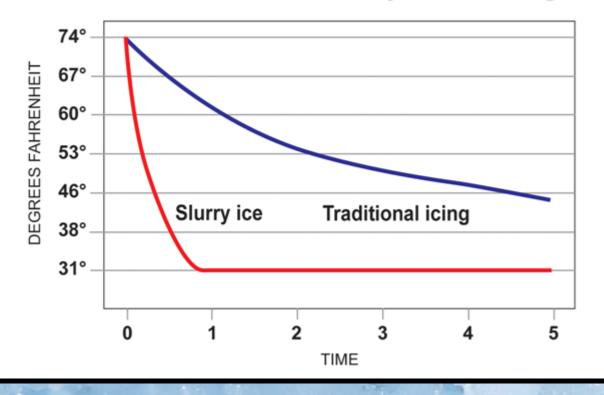


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## **Slurry Ice**

#### **Better Results with Slurry Ice Chilling**



Preliminary slurry ice tests at LSU yielded impressive results Head-on shrimp chilled in slurry ice for 9 days were still top quality with no melanosis

#### This Will Not Be Easy

**First Make a Commitment to Change There Will Be a Lot of Hard Work Every Step Will Not Always Take Us Forward Working Together We Can Transform** the Louisiana Shrimp Industry

#### **Our Path Forward...**

This is only an opportunity for us if it is also an opportunity for you

We will partner with fishermen to evaluate different chilling equipment and handling methods

We will partner with LSU and Sea Grant, using science to test our results

We will partner with markets to promote your products to consumers

We will partner with the Cameron community and the Parish to build a stronger economic base

> Thank you Cameron Fisheries