

2013 Ocean Seminar Series

Ensuring Seafood Safety After a Disaster

*Co-hosted by the Environmental Law Institute and the D.C. Bar's
Environment, Energy and Natural Resources Section.*

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SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

Jordan Diamond

Co-Director, Ocean Program, Environmental Law Institute

Jordan Diamond is a Staff Attorney and the Co-Director of the Ocean Program at the Environmental Law Institute, where she focuses on identifying ways to improve domestic and international ocean and coastal law and policy. Recent research has centered on strengthening Alaska Native leadership in Arctic marine resource management processes, supporting community engagement in Gulf of Mexico restoration and recovery, and assessing options for implementing an ecosystem-based management framework for the Israeli marine environment. Jordan is also the Academic Coordinator for the Law of the Sea Institute at the UC Berkeley School of Law. She is a graduate of Wesleyan University (BA, earth and environmental sciences) and the UC Berkeley School of Law (JD, certificate of specialization in environmental law).

Peter Koufopoulos

Chief, Seafood Processing and Technology Policy Branch, Center for Food Safety & Applied Nutrition, U.S. Food & Drug Administration (FDA)

Peter Koufopoulos is the current Chief of Seafood Processing and Technology Policy Branch at FDA's Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition. Peter has been the Branch Chief since August 2010. Prior to becoming Chief Peter worked in the New England District office as both an Investigations Supervisor and as a Regional Shellfish Specialist. Peter started with the FDA in 2001. Prior to joining FDA Peter worked for eight (8) years for the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control, the last four (4) of those years as a District Supervisor in Charleston, South Carolina over their molluscan shellfish program.

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Harlon Pearce

Owner, Harlon's LA Fish and Former Chair, Louisiana Seafood Promotion & Marketing Board

Harlon Pearce has been involved in the seafood industry for over forty-five years. Mr. Pearce had served as Chairman of the Louisiana Seafood Promotion and Marketing Board for the last eleven years, and has also served as a member of numerous state and regional seafood boards. He is also the managing member of Harlon's LA Fish LLC. Most recently, Harlon is serving on the Executive Committee of the Gulf Coast Marketing Coalition and is acting Chair of the Friends of the Fishermen's Foundation. Harlon's latest positions in seafood include Chair of the Gulf Seafood Institute and Trustee of the Gulf and South Atlantic Fisheries Foundation. Mr. Pearce has worked tirelessly in his position as Co-chair of the Louisiana Fishing Community Recovery Coalition since Hurricane Katrina to secure aid and funding for restoration of the seafood industry, and its fishermen, in the state of Louisiana and the Gulf Coast. His continuing endeavor is the BP Gulf Oil Spill. From the immediate response to this horrific incident in 2010 and its effects well into the future, Mr. Pearce is involved with all aspects of this disaster. He has worked tirelessly to preserve and promote the wonderful natural resources of the State of Louisiana; the environment, the seafood, the destination and its people. He is committed to the safety of the seafood from Louisiana and the Gulf waters.

Tim Fitzgerald

Marine Scientist/Senior Policy Specialist, Environmental Defense Fund

Tim directs EDF's sustainable seafood program, and specializes in the intersection of environmental sustainability and public health. He is also a senior member of EDF's National Policy team, advocating for more sustainable federal fisheries management policies. Tim serves on the conservation board of Ecofish LLC and is an advisor to Fair Trade USA, SeaWeb and the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission. Fitzgerald also develops sustainable sourcing policies for retailers, foodservice companies, restaurants and other major seafood buyers. Tim earned an M.Sc. (2002) in Zoology from the University of Hawai'i, and a B.S. (1998) in Biology from Duke University. His graduate research focused on the behavioral ecology and sensory physiology of tropical sharks, making appearances on Discovery Channel's Shark Week and National Geographic Explorer. He is a frequent speaker on conservation and human health issues concerning the U.S. seafood market, and has been featured in the Wall Street Journal, New York Times, and NPR's Fresh Air, in addition to invited testimony in front of the President's Commission on the BP *Deepwater Horizon* Oil Spill.