



GROUNDFISH FORUM AIMS AND ORGANIZATION

Groundfish Forum is a meeting place for leading members of the groundfish business worldwide. The primary aims of the Forum are to increase understanding of conditions in the groundfish industry, exchange information regarding government resources and other decisions, and provide better opportunities for all industry participants and consumers.

Groundfish Forum

Groundfish Forum was established in 1992 after a year of preparation by members of the industry. The conferences have been held in Hamburg 1992, Copenhagen 1993, London 1994–1999, Madrid 2000, Reykjavik 2001, Copenhagen 2002, Barcelona 2003, Munich 2004, Amsterdam 2005, Lisbon 2006, Bergen 2007, Prague 2008, Reykjavik 2009, Auckland 2010, Barcelona 2011, Berlin 2012, Vienna 2013, Rome 2014, Cape Town 2015, Hamburg 2016, Lisbon 2017, London 2018, Berlin 2019 and Seattle 2022. The 30th Groundfish Forum is in Athens, October 17-19, 2023.

Participants are close to 300 in number, and attendance is by invitation only. All participants pay conference fees. The International Groundfish Industry Forum Ltd. was registered as a company limited by guarantee in Nova Scotia, Canada, in 2008.

Groundfish Forum Council

The Groundfish Forum Council is a group of 30-35 people from leading companies worldwide which have been the most active in establishing and maintaining the Forum. All members of the Groundfish Forum Council have become subscribers to the company.

Executive Committee – Board of Directors

The company's Board of Directors is a body of members responsible for organizing the Forum. They prepare the three-day programme, select speakers and are responsible for membership and the finances of the Groundfish Forum. The audited annual accounts are submitted to the Board of Directors for discussion and approval and are also submitted to the Forum Council.

Members of the Board of Directors for the 29th Groundfish Forum held in Seattle on October 18-20, 2021 are:

- Mr Klaus B. Nielsen, Chairman,
President and CEO, A. Espersen A/S, Denmark
- Mr Joe Bundrant,
CEO, Trident Seafoods, USA
- Ms Thorunn Halhjem
Director, International Sales, Polar Bear Enterprise, USA
- Mr David Jiang,
CEO, Unibond Seafood International Ltd., United Kingdom
- Mr Knut Hallvard Lerøy,
Managing Director, Lerøy Seafood AS, Norway
- Mr Felix Ratheb,
CEO, Sea Harvest Group Ltd., South Africa
- Ms Lisa Webb
Vice President of Operations & McDonald's Business Unit, Gorton's Inc., US

Groundfish Forum Registration Office

Groundfish Forum is a non-profit organization, but the conference fees cover the cost of organizing and holding the conference. The Groundfish Forum Registration Office has been at KOM in Reykjavik, Iceland, since the Forum started. The Forum Office sends out invitations to members and controls registrations.

Groundfish Forum Executive Secretary and Editor Proceedings

The Proceedings of Groundfish Forum are published shortly after each conference and distributed to all participants. They contain all presentations and the data exchanged. Since the Forum was established, the Proceedings have been written and edited by the conference staff in Iceland. They were published as hard copies in 1992-1999, on a compact computer disc in 2000-2006, and the Forum website since 2007.

Groundfish Forum website

The website is www.groundfishforum.com. It is password-protected and accessible by Forum participants.