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SUSTAINING THE OCEANS & COMMUNITIES THAT DEPEND ON THE SEA

SCIENCE & SUSTAINABILITY WORKSHOP HIGHLIGHTS TESTIMONIALS

“There has been a decoupling between sustainability proxies and scientific reasoning, but there is a significant opportunity to slow down (the) rhetoric and increase the focus on fundamental, management-related, scientific missions.” Brian Rothschild, UMassDartmouth/SMAST.

“The dramatic decline in fish stocks that Daniel Pauly published in 1998 never happened...and large depletions (of tuna and billfish as reported by Myers) that forms the core of this mythology on “oh, all of the fish are gone” is totally busted.” Ray Hilborn, UWA School of Fisheries.

”Something has to be done in the science community to speak out on these issues that appear in the popular press and are being promoted for wrong reasons. It is time for this to happen.” Dick Beamish, DFO Canada/President American Institute of Fishery Research Biologists.

“Our goal is healthy marine ecosystems and sustainable harvests; but who sets the definitions. We have to move in the direction of supporting competent authorities like ICES for the Northeast Atlantic and a global authority of fishery issues, that’s FAO. We have to keep this focus up and to try to present the right picture.” Åsmund Bjordal, Institute for Marine Research, Norway.

“One message (from this workshop) should be to support the competent authorities to do their job. Support the science and the regional organizations. Support the management.” Mike Sissenwine, ICES Science Committee Chair/Former NOAA Fisheries Science Director.

“We are subject to extensive regulatory requirements none of which translates to the end user at the point of sale. NOAA should consider a certification logo that would allow compliant seafood suppliers to confer to the point of sale that the seafood packed under this program is a safe, responsible and sustainable choice backed by US government.” Joe Nohren, Bama Sea Products

“If seafood is harvested under a fishery management plan then it should be sustainable because the stock is in rebuilding programs or harvested at sustainable levels. Just look at what is required under an FMP. If it is federally managed and in compliance of what the law requires, it has to be sustainable.” Roy Crabtree, NOAA.

“We should not be fixed on stock status, but the fishery management system as stocks fluctuate over time. It should not be a problem if you overfish in one year. If you are part of a management framework plan you are sustainable,.” Kevin Sullivan, New Zealand Ministry of Fisheries

“I’m very impressed from what I have heard from scientists from all the countries represented. There is a lot more going on than I knew about. I can’t tell you how much I appreciate being part of this project to put these scientists together, it’s fantastic.” Les Hodgson, Marco Sales.

“Thank you for a fantastic and insightful meeting, the collaboration and information helped give me confidence in our position as a premier seafood restaurant.” Jon Cooper, Bonefish Grill.

“This was outstanding; really helpful and very useful.” Joe Nohren, Bama Sea Products.

“It couldn’t be more timely and appropriate to hold a conference on science and sustainability, and it’s clear that we have made important first steps.” Brian Rothschild, UMASS/SMAST.

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