



Sustainable Seafood Initiative Membership Form

What is *Sustainable Seafood*? Sustainable Seafood refers to fish that are caught or farmed with consideration for the long-term viability of individual marine species and for the oceans' ecological balance as a whole. Seafood harvested in the United States is some of the most sustainable in the world due to strict conservation regulations.

Currently Not Sustainable:

Chilean Sea Bass: This animal is a slow growing inhabitant of deep, cold waters around Antarctica. Harvest is regulated, but the overall population is in peril due to a substantial amount of illegal harvest.

Orange Roughy: The orange roughy is another slow growing deep water fish. Since this fish does not mature until it is 20 to 30 years old, lives over 100 years, and spawns in large groups, overfishing is occurring and the population is severely depleted.

Imported Shark: Sharks grow slowly, produce few young and mature at a late age. This makes them vulnerable to fishing, since they are often caught before they reach reproductive, and populations are depleted. Local fisheries are well managed, therefore please use only locally caught shark.

PARTNER INFORMATION:

Business name (for promotional materials): _____

Primary contact: _____ Title: _____

Secondary contact: _____ Title: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email(s): _____

*I agree to not serve orange roughy, Chilean sea bass and imported shark. (recommendations subject to change based on scientific research) Instead, we will serve as much sustainable, especially local and domestic seafood as possible.

*I agree to pay the annual \$50 partnership fee when invoiced. If I do not pay the annual partnership fee I understand that my membership in the Sustainable Seafood Initiative will be discontinued and my business' name will be removed from all promotional materials.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

**Please return this form via fax to (843)720-3861 Attn: Sustainable Seafood Initiative
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