

#### 2023 ASMI All Hands on Deck

Key Questions for Species Committees – Salmon

# 1. What do your species need from ASMI to be immediately successful in the marketplace?

- a. Rank the top 3 opportunities you see for your species in international markets.
  - 1. Trade promotions in Europe, specifically the UK, for tinned fish
  - 2. Tinned salmon educational workshop prior to SEG
  - 3. Pink roe and fillet portions (Europe, LATAM)
- b. Rank the top 3 opportunities you see for your species in the US domestic market.
  - 1. Promoting keta fillets in foodservice and retail sectors
  - 2. Promotion of pink salmon (fillet, canned talls) at larger retailers
  - 3. Emphasis on origin and telling the harvester story of wild Alaska salmon in the continued push of sockeye salmon fillets.
    - Marketing assets featuring Alaska salmon harvesters (reestablish ground game with harvesters at retail for promotions)
    - b. Harvest ambassadors at retail locations
  - \*Based on Circana presentation, start developing more targeted promotions tailored to education of the top 10% of salmon consumers.
- 2. Are there any areas where ASMI may be able to provide technical support for your species? (i.e. quality, products, packaging, health, safety, nutritional)
  - a. Seafood counter display best practice education for retailers –
    display techniques, handling techniques for counter staff. Develop a

- product display card included in fillet boxes for retail and start a feasibility/proof of concept.
- b. Inform consumers about the quality of frozen product forms.
- c. Create QR code to highlight wild salmon's nutritional value at the grocery store.

## 3. For your species, what issues, or topics (if any) can ASMI help with messaging and/or outreach?

- a. Continue to educate about and promote RFM in all facets possible.
- b. Continued focus on 'Buy It Frozen' and 'Cook It Frozen' promotions.
- c. Sushi influencer to work with salmon.
- d. Establish pilot program for culinary programs in schools like the Growing Chef program with insight from ASMI Salmon Committee member Carleigh Hugh.

# 4. Rank the top 3 challenges/threats you foresee for your species in the next year or near future.

- 1. Unsustainable prices
- 2. Liquidity needs based on the absence of ability to sell to China.
- 3. Competing on both a domestic and global scale with Russia
- \*Ongoing challenge for a continual loss of market share with growing consumption of salmon. Data shows wild salmon, Alaska origin, and harvester stories are preferable and has a definitive ROI, but education programs seem to be falling behind the growth of consumption for salmon.

### 5. What resources can ASMI provide to best help harvesters?

- a. Education for harvesters concerning supply chain and real-time market conditions.
  - Investigate partnership opportunities, for example with UFA, to facilitate webinars.
- b. Growing education through the importance of RFM (increases awareness, origin, value, and protection for erroneous media messaging).