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## Building a Network of Seafood Professionals Across NY

### New York Sea Grant Hosts 8th Annual New York Seafood Summit

*Active cross-sector communication and collaboration is crucial to enhancing and supporting growth in aquatic foods production and processing in New York.*

A truly supported aquatic foods sector that is well positioned for growth requires coordinated efforts as well as active collaboration and communication across the diverse sectors involved in the aquatic food chain.

To facilitate regular and active communication among the aquatic foods industry, agencies, academics, and organizations involved in the safety and quality of aquatic foods, New York Sea Grant (NYSG) coordinated its 8th Annual NY Seafood Summit. With a theme of *Exploring Access and Opportunities for NY Seafood*, the 2024 summit agenda included talks that

explored the challenges and opportunities associated with access to aquatic foods and aquatic food products, including all farmed and wild-caught fish, shellfish, and seaweed. Speakers represented commercial seafood producers and sellers, aquaculture producers, a chef, an aquatic veterinarian, researchers, and state and federal agency representatives.

Three Seafood Summit events were held upstate, mid-state, and downstate (*Geneva, Hyde Park, Riverhead*), attracting more than 150 participants. Of 34 individuals who completed the post-summit event evaluations, 16 indicated that the event impacted how their organization, program, or business would function using the knowledge gained at this 8th annual Seafood Summit.

The 8th Annual Seafood Summit enhanced opportunities for knowledge exchange to support the aquatic foods industry's efforts to grow and be resilient. Session recordings are posted at [nyseagrant.org/seafoodsummit](http://nyseagrant.org/seafoodsummit).

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2024 New York Seafood Summit Access and Opportunities Panel, Riverhead, NY, from left: commercial fishermen Al Schaffer and Mike Bauhs; Long Island Commercial Fishing Association Executive Director Bonnie Brady; processor/distributor/retailer Mike Lucchesse, Gra-Bar Fish; Matt Ketchum, Peconic Gold Oysters. Photo: Barry Udelson/NYSG