



# Seafood Champion Awards

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### Nominations Open for 2019 Seafood Champion Awards

**Portland, ME (November 28, 2019)** – Diversified Communications and SeaWeb today announced the opening of nominations for the 2019 Seafood Champion Awards.

First presented in 2006, the Seafood Champion Awards recognize outstanding contributions to sustainable seafood and ocean conservation.

Nominations are encouraged on behalf of individuals or organizations whose accomplishments demonstrate exemplary commitment to advancing seafood sustainability in the fishing, aquaculture, supply chain, retail, and restaurant or foodservice sectors, as well as conservation, science, academia and the media. The awards recognize those who are working independently to pursue solutions and those seeking cross sectoral opportunities to work collaboratively.

Nominations will close at 11:59 EST on January 15, 2019.

The 2019 Seafood Champion Awards will be presented at the 15<sup>th</sup> edition of the [SeaWeb Seafood Summit](#), held June 10-14 in Bangkok, Thailand.

“There are so many great sustainable seafood initiatives and projects across the globe being led by the seafood industry and with industry working in collaboration with governments, the conservation community and seafood dependent communities,” says Liz Plizga, Vice-President for Diversified Communications.

“The Seafood Champion Awards let us celebrate the great efforts within the seafood industry to drive real change toward sustainability, and also allow us to tell positive stories about how such sustainable seafood supports communities, a healthy ocean, and provides a healthy clean protein to billions of consumers,” adds Mark J. Spalding, President and CEO of SeaWeb.

Four finalists and one winner will be chosen for each of the following categories:

#### **Seafood Champion Award for Leadership**

An individual or entity that displays leadership by organizing and convening seafood stakeholders to improve the sustainability of seafood and ocean health.

#### **Seafood Champion Award for Innovation**

An individual or entity that identifies and applies creative new solutions to address: ecological

challenges; existing market needs; barriers to sustainability.

### **Seafood Champion Award for Vision**

An individual or entity that establishes a clear and compelling vision of the future that inspires positive change for sustainable seafood in technology, policy, products or markets, or conservation tools.

### **Seafood Champion Award for Advocacy**

An individual or entity who positively influences public policy, uses the media to raise the profile sustainable seafood, or influences public discourse and engages key stakeholders by publicly championing advances in sustainable seafood.

**For information** on past winners, interviews, photo and video gallery, and media kit, please visit [www.seafoodchampions.org](http://www.seafoodchampions.org).

To nominate a Champion, visit <https://www.seafoodsummit.org/nominate-a-seafood-champion/> .

For information on the SeaWeb Seafood Summit, please visit [www.seafoodsummit.org](http://www.seafoodsummit.org)

**About SeaWeb:** SeaWeb serves the sustainable seafood community by fostering communication and networking and promoting the exchange of knowledge and ideas to help guide, inspire and reward progress towards greater seafood sustainability. SeaWeb is a project of The Ocean Foundation, a unique community foundation with a mission to support, strengthen and promote organizations dedicated to reversing the trend of destruction of ocean environments around the world. SeaWeb produces the SeaWeb Seafood Summit in partnership with Diversified Communications. For more information, visit: [www.seaweb.org](http://www.seaweb.org).

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