

Focus on the Bay: Seafood Network Information Center
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Did you know that UC Cooperative Extension provides information about seafood processing and safety issues? In 1997, the UC Cooperative Extension Sea Grant Program launched a website devoted to providing information about seafood handling and processing, seafood marketing, seafood nutrition, and a variety of information for consumers. The website, named the Seafood Network Information Center (*SeafoodNIC*), contains hundreds of files and links to seafood resources at other universities and agencies.

The Seafood Network Information Center provides information and resources for the seafood industry (fishermen, processors, retailers, food service, inspectors, educators, etc.) on a wide area of seafood technology topics and issues. One of the most prominent services provided by the *SeafoodNIC* is a list of trainings related to seafood safety, quality, and current concerns. Many seafood processors take advantage of the information about trainings related to the Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point concept (HACCP). The Industry HACCP course is an intense three-day course that covers all aspects of the Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point concept as it relates to seafood harvesting, processing, transporting, distributing and retailing. The agency has offered this course for the last five years, successfully training thousands of customers.

The Seafood Network Information Center also provides a wide variety of information for seafood consumers, primarily in the form of links to websites around the country. Through the *SeafoodNIC*, you can learn about purchasing seafood and how to identify fresh fish, storing or preserving seafood products, and preparing salmon for cooking. You can also learn about seafood nutrition, health benefits of seafood, food safety related to seafood, and even about recipes.

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