

JOINT STATEMENT  
MADE BY THE SOUTHERN SHRIMP ALLIANCE AND CANAINPESCA

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**U.S. and Mexican Shrimp Industries Agree to Oppose Unfair Trade of Shrimp**

Washington, DC—The leaders of the Southern Shrimp Alliance (“SSA”) and National Chamber of Fishing and Aquaculture Industries (“CANAINPESCA”) of Mexico met on December 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> to discuss mutual concerns about the increasing volumes of unfairly traded shrimp imports and issued today the following joint statement:

“The flood of unfairly traded shrimp injures both the U.S. and Mexican shrimp industries and must be offset through strong enforcement of the trade laws in our two countries. The Southern Shrimp Alliance and CANAINPESCA have agreed to cooperate to the best of their abilities to jointly oppose unfair trade in shrimp.”

- Carlos Hussong  
President of the National Chamber of Fishing and Aquaculture Industries
  
- Eddie Gordon  
President of the Southern Shrimp Alliance

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*The Southern Shrimp Alliance is an alliance of eight southern coastal states from North Carolina to Texas, representing the harvesters, processors, and distributors of American wild caught shrimp.*

*The National Chamber of Fishing and Aquaculture Industries is a broad coalition representing the majority of the fisheries and processors in Mexico.*