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The Southern Shrimp Alliance (SSA) is a non-profit alliance of members of the U.S. shrimp industry in eight states committed to preventing the continued deterioration of America's shrimp industry and to ensuring the industry's future viability. SSA serves as the national voice for the shrimp fishermen and processors in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Texas.

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## Breaking News

### Duties Revoked on Shrimp from Ecuador

In August, the Department of Commerce eliminated antidumping duties on shrimp imports from Ecuador. Ecuadorian shrimp imports entering the United States on or after August 15, 2007 will not be subject to the 2.48 to 4.42 percent antidumping duties that have been in place since February 2005. The ruling does not affect the collection of duties on Brazil, China, India, Thailand, and Vietnam.

The revocation of duties was a voluntary response by the Administration to a WTO ruling. Commerce had a choice of WTO-consistent calculation alternatives that would have kept antidumping duties in place, but chose a methodology that is most harmful to the U.S. shrimp industry. The early revocation of the antidumping orders occurred despite expressions of support for the domestic industry from a number of United States Senators and Representatives. We thank these Members of Congress for their continued support.

In a press release issued in response to the ruling, John Williams, stated:

Commerce's decision to terminate relief from dumped imports is extremely troubling. This industry proved that Ecuadorian shrimp was dumped in our market and that the domestic industry was injured by these unfairly traded imports. In fact, earlier this year Commerce found yet again that Ecuadorian shrimp had been dumped and in some cases at even higher rates. By terminating duties in the face of viable

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alternatives, it appears that Commerce is sacrificing America's most valuable fishery for political purposes.

Members of the domestic industry should rest assured that SSA will continue to explore each and every option available to address unfair trade and, despite the agency's actions, will continue to advocate that Commerce administer our antidumping laws in a fair and objective manner, consistent with its international obligations.

## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

### SSA Supports Increased Sea Grant Funding

SSA will be joining around 150 other groups in a letter of support for increased funding for the National Sea Grant College Program in 2008. As the national Sea Grant budget for 2008 now stands, the House is recommending \$58.4 million and the Senate is recommending \$60 million. While this amount is less than the amount requested by Sea Grant, it is more than its 2007 budget of \$54.8 million. Sea Grant provides research and programs that benefit the domestic shrimp industry.

### Working Waterfront Committee Established

SSA is establishing a committee to coordinate the industry's efforts to preserve and improve working waterfront availability to the shrimp industry. Since issues surrounding working waterfronts vary from community to community, the committee will focus on facilitating an exchange of information between leaders at the local, state, and national levels. The committee will also continue to provide support for the related work being done at the federal level, such as its recent work commenting on proposed legislation to provide funding for working waterfronts.

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## MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

### Correction to Byrd Amendment Applications

The Federal Register Notice date of May 28, 2007 provided by Customs officials to SSA for use on certification forms for Byrd Amendment funds is inaccurate. The correct date is May 29, 2007. If your certification was returned for "Incorrect Date of Federal Register Notice," you must amend the date to May 29, 2007 and return the document within 10 days of obtaining the letter. We have confirmed with Customs that they will allow the date to be changed on the original document with your initials next to the correction.

Some members are also being informed that they forgot to include a "Commerce Case Name (Product/Country)" along with the "Commerce Case Number." Here is a list of the numbers and corresponding names found on page 70-71 of the Federal Register Notice:

A-331-802 = Certain Frozen Warmwater Shrimp and Prawns/Ecuador.  
A-351-838 = Certain Frozen Warmwater Shrimp and Prawns/Brazil.  
A-533-840 = Certain Frozen Warmwater Shrimp and Prawns/India.  
A-549-822 = Certain Frozen Warmwater Shrimp and Prawns/Thailand.  
A-552-802 = Certain Frozen Warmwater Shrimp and Prawns/Vietnam.  
A-570-893 = Certain Frozen Warmwater Shrimp and Prawns/China.

A copy of May 29, 2007 Federal Register Notice can be found on [SSA's website](#).

For general questions regarding preparation of certifications, please contact Leigh Redelman at (317) 614-4462.

### Did CBP Received My Application?

Customs and Border Protection (CBP) published a list of received certifications for distributions under the Byrd Amendment in 2007. You can see if your name/company is on the list by checking [SSA's website](#).

Appearing on the list does not validate the application, but confirms that it was received by CBP. There are approximately 2,000 more certifications reported as received this year compared to last year.

### Membership Renewal Time

It is time to renew your SSA membership for October 1, 2007 through September 31, 2008. Applications are being mailed to current members. You can also find a renewal form on the [SSA website](#) at <http://shrimpalliance.com/>

Registration.htm

The dues rates are \$100 for vessel owners, \$200 for vessel shoreside serving facilities, and \$300 for Associate Members (processors, shrimp buyers, trade associations, etc.)

Please remember to fill out the new line for your current email address, as this is how we contact members with our monthly newsletter, breaking news updates, and other important information.

## WASI UPDATE

### Research Demonstrates Nutritional Benefits of Wild Caught Shrimp

WASI released the results of a new 13-point nutritional study that showed that U.S. wild-caught shrimp has higher levels of beneficial nutrients. The study, conducted by ABC Research, headquartered in Gainesville, Fla., investigated the nutritional profile of U.S. wild-caught Pink, White, and Brown shrimp, and pond-raised Indonesian White, Thai White and Vietnamese Tiger shrimp. The results show superior nutritional points of differentiation in the wild-caught shrimp adding to other recent research that demonstrated clear differences in the areas of quality, taste, and authenticity.

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