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NOAA's Sea Grant a Gatekeeper of New FAO Website

The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations has selected program manager Pamela Tom of NOAA's California Sea Grant Seafood Technology Program to be one of its "gatekeepers" of FishPort, a new website on fish and seafood safety.

FishPort at www.fishport.org is the cornerstone of the FAO's Aquatic Food Product Initiative, unveiled in Rome earlier this spring and supported jointly by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency.

Through the international collaboration of the scientific community, FishPort will help make cutting-edge information on fisheries and seafood science equally accessible to both developed and developing countries. The hope is that this information will help improve the quality and safety of seafood products.

As gatekeepers, Tom and other experts will review submissions to FishPort to ensure all posted information is scientifically valid and relevant. The group will also be charged with steering the operational framework and implementation of the site.

Grimur Valdimarsson, director of the FAO's Fishery Industries Division, says he envisions FishPort as becoming a leading source of up-to-date fish and seafood science information.

California Sea Grant is proud to be part of this important global initiative.

California Sea Grant is a statewide, multi-university program of marine research, extension services, and education activities administered by the University of California. It is the largest of 30 Sea Grant programs sponsored by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), U.S. Department of Commerce.

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