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Pamela Tom, Manager of California Sea Grant Extension's Seafood Technology Program, has been selected as "Technologist of the Biennium" by the International Association of Fish Inspectors (IAFI). The award was presented during the World Congress on Seafood Safety, Quality and Trade in Sydney, Australia, Sept. 14-16, 2005.

In their selection of Tom, the IAFI (<http://www.iafi.net>) Awards Committee stated: "Pamela Tom runs California Sea Grant's seafood technology program, an internationally recognized and highly used resource. Tom coordinates the program's training workshops, assists with research projects and writes educational materials for consumers and industry. She also creates and maintains the program's Internet mailing lists and its Seafood Network Information Center (SeafoodNIC <http://seafood.ucdavis.edu>) website, recognized worldwide in industry and government as a one-stop source of seafood information."

Tom, an alumna of the University of California, Davis, has won numerous awards in her 23 years working for Sea Grant. She is a Fellow of the Institute of Food Technologists.

"The most rewarding part of this job is working cooperatively with industry, regulatory and other academic institutions in providing seafood technology and safety outreach information to food processors, regulators and consumer educators—both nationally and internationally," Tom says.

NOAA's California Sea Grant College Program 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 and is headquartered at Scripps Institution of Oceanography at the University of California, San Diego. The National Sea Grant College Program is part of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), U.S. Department of Commerce.

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