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2019

An In-depth Look  
at Seafood through the  
Shoppers' Eyes

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# FMI Seafood Strategy Leadership Council



**In-depth information, trends and insights to foster innovation, take advantage of new opportunities and help develop winning strategies**



**Share ideas, explore best practices and develop business relations**



**Understand what is going on in Washington and make your voice heard. Continue to advocate Sustainability**

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## Regulatory and Legislative

FSMA

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Red Snapper

NOAA Proposed

## Research/Projects

Mitigating Seafood  
Fraud Best Practices

Annual Seafood  
Calendar

Power of Seafood

Standardization of  
Specifications

Social Responsibility

## Industry Updates

Human Welfare

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# Introduction and Methodology

- Interviews with food retailers and industry experts
- Survey of 2,096 US grocery shoppers (44% non seafood)
- Representative of US population based on geography, age, gender, etc.
  - Regular seafood consumers: 56%, at least once a month
  - Frequent seafood consumers: 21%, two times/week or more (USDA recommendation)
  - Non-seafood consumers: 44%, less than once/month or never
- Seafood includes fresh, frozen, prepared and grocery (canned/pouched)\*
- Real-life data overlays from Nielsen and IRI
- For the industry by the industry
- First Power of Seafood study

\*Few consumers only purchase grocery seafood

# Overview



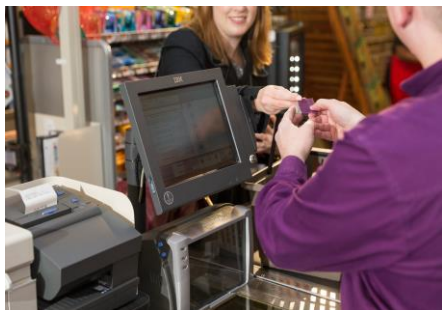


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# The Market for Seafood

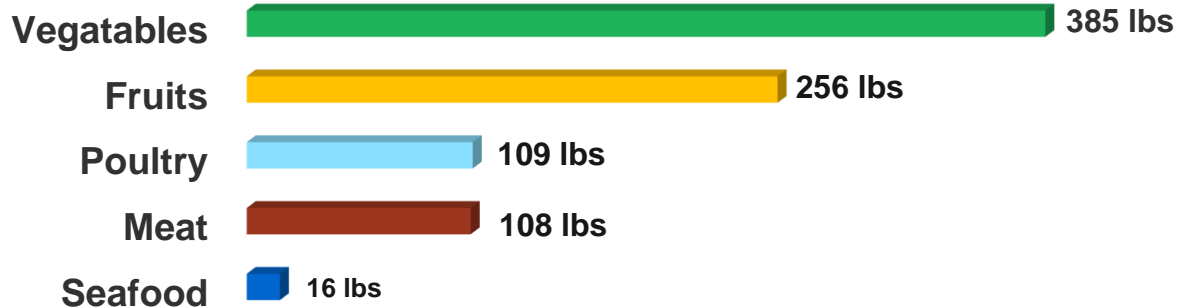
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# The Market for Seafood



**Americans annual per capita consumption (in pounds) of ...**

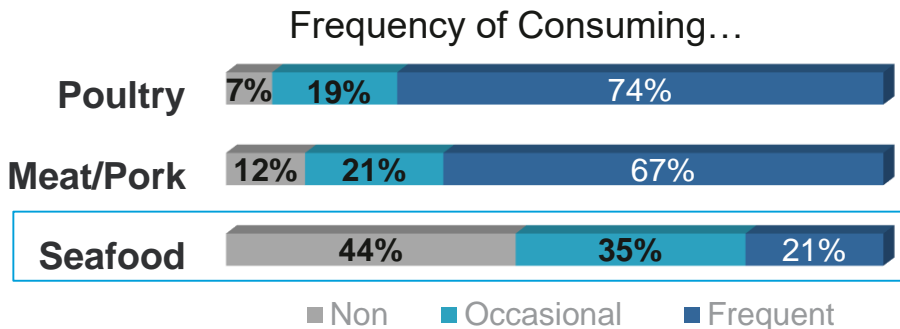


Source: USDA



# The Market for Seafood

Only one in five adults (21%) can be classified as frequent seafood eaters.  
44% eat seafood less than once a month or never.



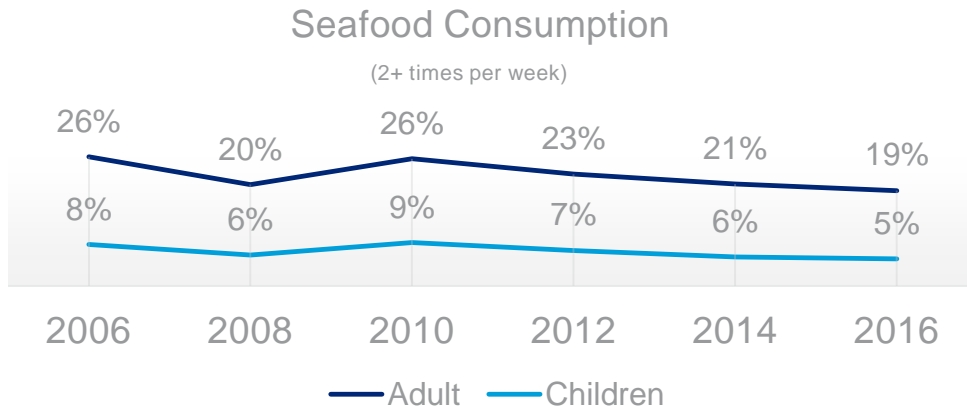
- *Non – Less than once a month to never*
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- *Frequent – Two or more times a week*



# The Market for Seafood



## Consumption of seafood falls below USDA recommendations



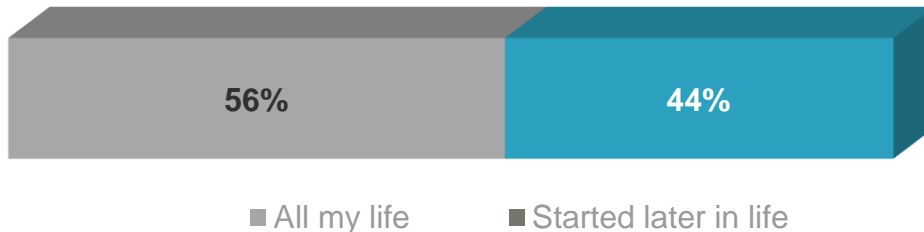
Source: National Center for Health Statistics

# The Market for Seafood



## Starting consumption early in life: A missed opportunity

Consuming seafood since...



Source: FMI's Power of Seafood (Q11)

# The Market for Seafood



**The Seafood Department is relatively small but can generate a positive impact**

DEPARTMENT	\$	\$ Change	Unit Change
FRESH SEAFOOD (42%)	\$5,144,324,203	+6.1%	+2.3%
FROZEN SEAFOOD (39%)	\$4,647,363,168	+3.7%	+1.7%
GROCERY SEAFOOD (18%)	\$2,104,323,097	+4.0%	-0.1%
<b>TOTAL SEAFOOD</b>	<b>\$11,896,010,469</b>	<b>+4.8%</b>	<b>+1.0%</b>



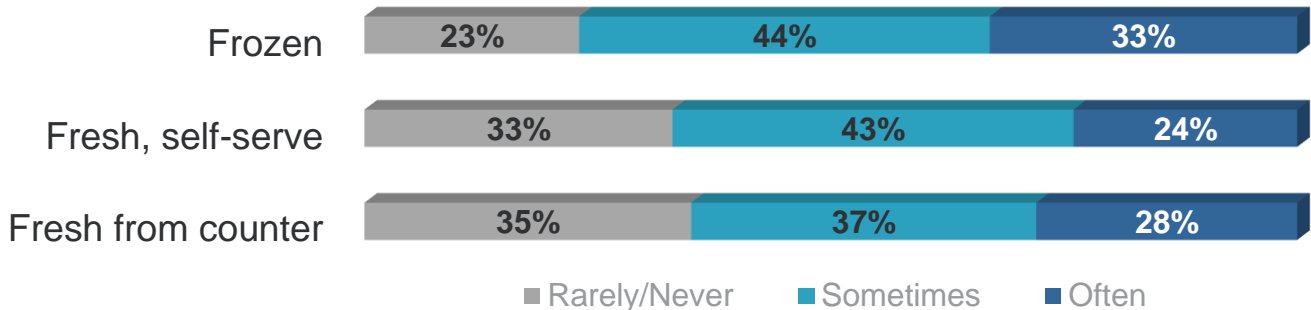
Source: Nielsen (12 months ending 9/1/2018)

# The Market for Seafood



## Seafood permeates throughout food retail stores

Frequency of Purchasing...



# The Market for Seafood



**Seafood consumers represent valuable demographic segments of shoppers.**

**Compared to non-seafood consumers, seafood consumers...**

- Have higher household income - \$100k+ (**16% seafood**, **20% frequent** vs. 8% non)
- More are Boomers (**36% seafood** vs. 28% non) and less are Millennials (**27% seafood** vs. 35% non)
- More likely to male (**54% seafood**, **58% frequent** vs. 44% non)
- More likely to be college graduates (**50% seafood** vs. 35% non)
- More likely to live alone (**24% seafood** vs. 19% non) or have no children (**65% seafood** vs. 59% non)

- *Seafood consumers – Once a month or more*
- *Frequent – Two or more times a week*
- *Non – Less than once a month to never*

# The Market for Seafood



**Seafood consumers are lucrative segment of shoppers.**

**Compared to non-seafood consumers, seafood consumers:**

- Spend more per week on groceries (**\$129/week seafood**, **\$143/week frequent** vs. \$116/week non)
- Shop more frequently – 2/week (**69% seafood**, **76% frequent** vs. 62% non)
- Shop for groceries online (**34% seafood**, **46% frequent** vs. 22% non)
- Primary store – supermarket (**55% seafood** vs. 50% non), **supercenter/club** (**33% seafood** vs. 38% non)

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# the seafood **shopping basket**

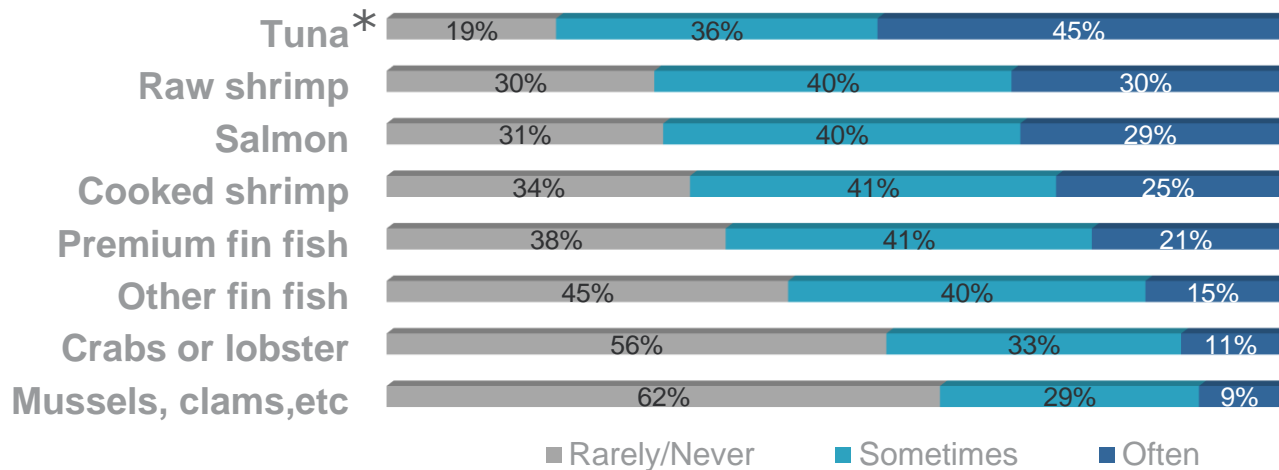


# The Seafood Shopping Basket



**The seafood shopping basket for seafood consumers is diverse**

Frequency of Purchasing...



\* primarily grocery tuna

Source: FMI's Power of Seafood (Q13)

# The Seafood Shopping Basket



**The seafood shopping basket for seafood consumers is diverse**

SPECIES	\$	\$ CHANGE
SHRIMP	\$3,382,638,058	+7.6%
SALMON	\$2,325,983,376	+5.9%
TUNA	\$1,695,064,270	+4.4%
CRAB	\$887,353,086	+2.9%
TILAPIA	\$567,985,373	-14.1%
OTHER FIN FISH	\$499,925,665	+4.4%
COD + SCROD	\$346,503,851	+2.4%
CATFISH	\$337,721,441	-0.9%
LOBSTERS	\$303,744,926	+1.0%
SCALLOPS	\$200,091,260	+20.0%
ANCHOVY + SARDINE	\$151,991,247	+7.1%
CLAMS	\$117,722,061	+2.3%
OYSTERS	\$103,390,455	+5.6%
TOTAL	\$11,896,010,469	+4.8%



Source: Nielsen  
(12 months ending  
9/1/2018)

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# The Seafood Shopping Basket



## Shrimp leads the way from the frozen food aisle

	\$	\$ Change	Unit Change
<b>SHRIMP</b>	<b>\$3,382,638,058</b>	<b>+7.6%</b>	<b>+7.7%</b>
FRESH SHRIMP	\$875,781,332	+5.4%	+7.8%
FROZEN SHRIMP	\$2,489,852,910	+8.4%	+7.8%
GROCERY SHRIMP	\$17,003,816	-0.2%	-2.7%

Source: Nielsen (12 months ending 9/1/2018)



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# The Seafood Shopping Basket



## Salmon leads fresh seafood

	\$	\$ Change	Unit Change
<b>SALMON</b>	<b>\$2,325,983,376</b>	<b>+5.9%</b>	<b>+3.7%</b>
FRESH SALMON	\$1,686,479,178	+7.3%	+7.1%
FROZEN SALMON	\$437,827,914	+1.7%	-1.0%
GROCERY SALMON	\$201,676,285	+3.7%	-1.2%

Source: Nielsen (12 months ending 9/1/2018)



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# The Seafood Shopping Basket



## Tuna leads from center store

	\$	\$ Change	Unit Change
<b>TUNA</b>	<b>\$1,695,064,270</b>	<b>4.4%</b>	<b>-0.6%</b>
FRESH TUNA	\$85,569,622	11.8%	-5.2%
FROZEN TUNA	\$42,889,993	2.5%	4.6%
GROCERY (CANNED/POUCH)	\$1,566,604,654	4.1%	-0.6%

Source: Nielsen (12 months ending 9/1/2018)





**where** do  
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# Where do Shoppers Shop for Seafood?

**Seafood consumers shop around, a lot, but not online.**



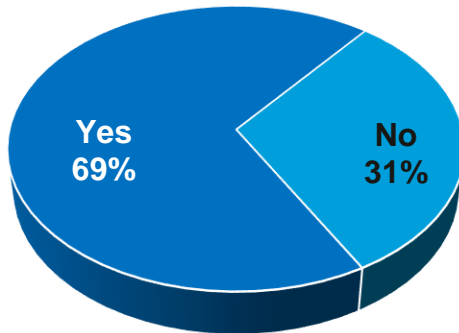


# Where do Shoppers Shop for Seafood?



Seafood consumers shop around for their seafood.

Primary Grocery Store Same as  
Primary Seafood Store



Primary Store for Seafood:

- Supermarket – 60%
- Supercenter – 20%
- Natural/organic/specialty store – 6%
- Club store – 5%
- Limited assortment – 3%
- Other – 5%

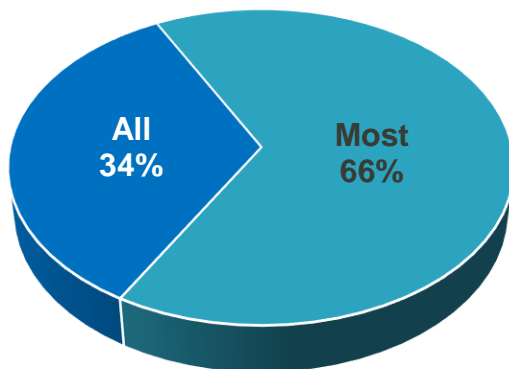
▸ 2018 Power of Meat - 78% Yes

# Where do Shoppers Shop for Seafood?



Seafood consumers shop around for their seafood.

Seafood Purchased from  
Primary Seafood Store



Aside from primary seafood store,  
where shop for seafood:

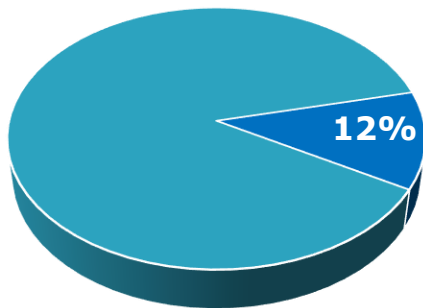
- Another supermarket – 28%
- Primary supermarket – 26%
- Supercenter – 23%
- Seafood store – 22%
- Club store – 17%
- Farmer's market – 12%
- Seafood market/monger/stand – 11%
- Natural/organic store – 11%
- Limited assortment – 8%
- Specialty store – 5%

# Where do Shoppers Shop for Seafood?



Seafood consumers have not gravitated to online, for seafood.

Seafood Ever  
Purchased Online



Only **4%** at least occasionally have purchased from an online only merchant.

**\*\*\*46%** of frequent seafood consumers have purchased groceries online in the past 30 days.

▶ 2018 Power of Meat – 19% purchase meat online



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# How do Shoppers Shop for Seafood?



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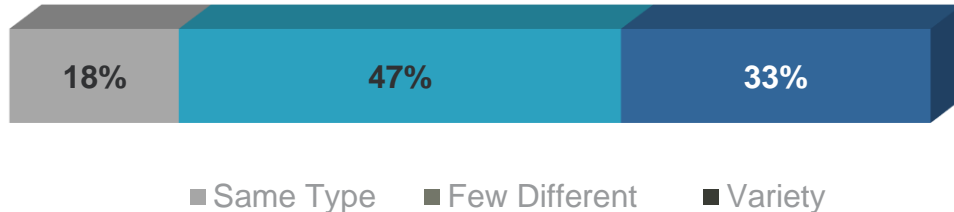


# How do Shoppers Shop for Seafood?



**Seafood shoppers tend to stay with familiar seafood options,  
but some are adventurous**

Seafood Variety When Shopping...



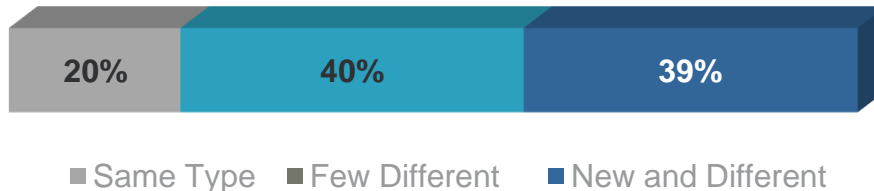
Source: FMI's Power of Seafood (Q22)  
Q22: Which best describes your selection habits when shopping for seafood to prepare at home? Do you buy the same types of seafood every time, buy just a few different types of seafood or buy a variety of types of seafood?

# How do Shoppers Shop for Seafood?



**Restaurants bring out the adventure in seafood consumers**

Seafood Variety at Restaurants...



■ Same Type   ■ Few Different   ■ New and Different

Source: FMI's Power of Seafood (Q24)

Q24: Which best describes your habits when ordering seafood at a restaurant? Do you order the same types of seafood every time, order just a few different types of seafood and don't try anything new and different, or like to try new and different types of seafood of seafood?



# How do Shoppers Shop for Seafood?



**Impulse purchases common for seafood**

Purchase of Seafood Typically is...



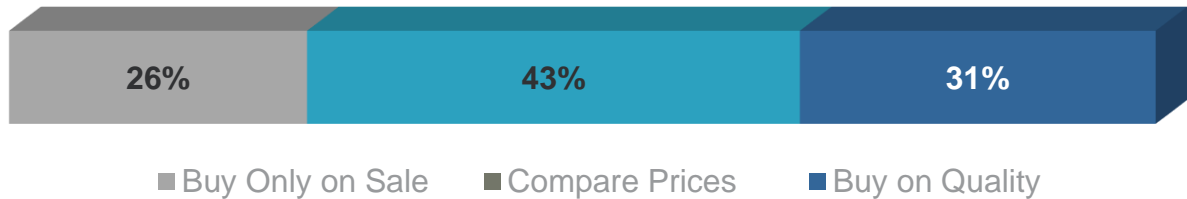
**\*\*Being in the mood and good sale price are top influencers for impulse purchases of seafood**

# How do Shoppers Shop for Seafood?



**The price vs. quality trade-off for seafood.**

Seafood Shopping Habits...



■ Buy Only on Sale

■ Compare Prices

■ Buy on Quality

# How do Shoppers Shop for Seafood?



**Product quality and taste/flavor are most important factors when shopping for seafood.**

**Product  
Quality  
58%**

**Taste or  
Flavor  
42%**

**Total Price  
42%**

**Type or  
Species  
35%**

**Price per  
Pound  
35%**

**Product  
Appearance  
24%**

**Nutritional  
Benefits  
20%**

**Knowledge How to  
Prepare  
17%**

**Sustainability  
15%**

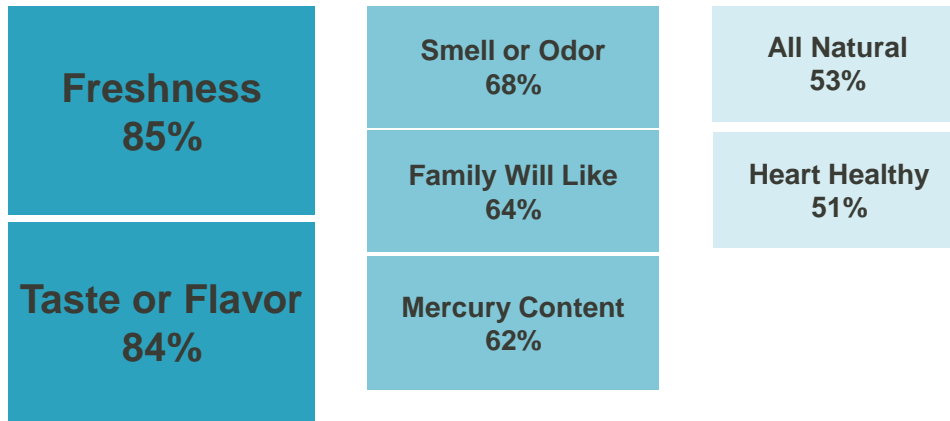
**Preparation Time/Ease  
12%**

‣ *2018 Power of Meat – price per pound most important*

# How do Shoppers Shop for Seafood?



**Freshness and taste/flavor have a major impacts on seafood consumption.**



► *Top 7 mentions of 26 factors*



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# Educating the Consumer



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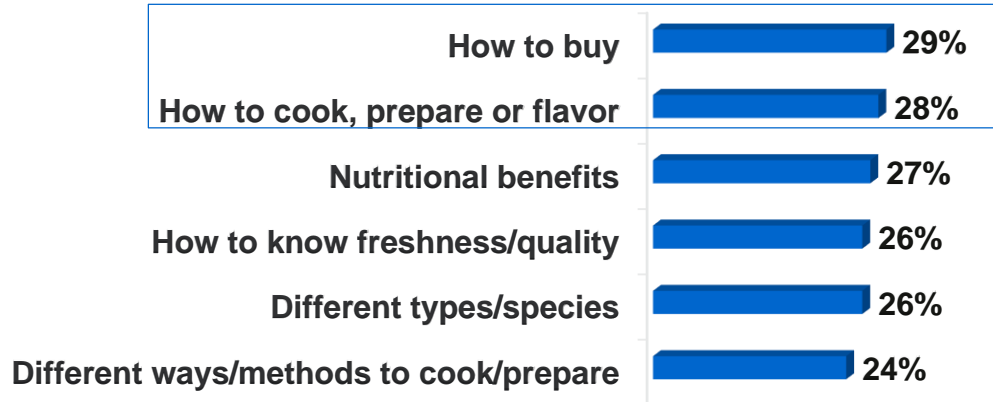


# Educating the Consumer



**Few seafood consumers consider themselves knowledgeable about seafood.**

*Very knowledgeable about...*



# Educating the Consumer



**Most seafood consumers want to become more knowledgeable about seafood.**

*Want more knowledge about...*





# Educating the Consumer



Even non-seafood consumers want to be more knowledgeable about seafood.

*Want more knowledge about...*



# Educating the Consumer



**Consumers report a lack of information being available about seafood.**

**48%** of **seafood** consumers say  
there is not enough information  
about seafood.

**50%** of **non-seafood** consumers say  
there is not enough information about  
nutrition/healthiness of seafood.

# Educating the Consumer



## Consumers' information sources about seafood.

**Recipe Website  
or App**  
60%/20%

**On Package  
Info or Recipe**  
37%/16%

**Seafood Department**  
28%/7%

**Cookbook or  
Recipe**  
53%/17%

**TV/Cooking  
Channel**  
31%/10%

**Social Media**  
28%/11%

**Family or Friends**  
48%/16%

*Data for **seafood** consumers/non-seafood consumers*

*Source: FMI's Power of Seafood (Q41)*

# Educating the Consumer



**Awareness of USDA recommendations limited.**

*USDA recommends all Americans eat at least two servings of seafood per week.*

- Only **59%** of **seafood consumers** are aware.
  - But, when told **80%** believe this to be true.
- Only **37%** of **non-seafood consumers** are aware
  - But, when told **54%** believe this to be true.

- *Seafood consumers – Once a month or more, 56% of respondents*
- *Non – Less than once a month to never, 44% of respondents*

# Educating the Consumer



**Awareness of many recommendations about seafood consumption is far from universal.**

*Awareness of...*

**USDA recommends all Americans eat at least two servings of seafood per week**



**FDA advises seafood is good for children's growth and development**



**FDA/EPA advises seafood contributes to healthy diet before/during pregnancy/while breastfeeding**



■ Seafood  
■ Non-Seafood



# the seafood **counter**



# The Seafood Counter

Use of and opinions about the grocery store seafood counter are mixed, but shoppers do want one. Their expectations for information from the seafood counter are broad and varied.

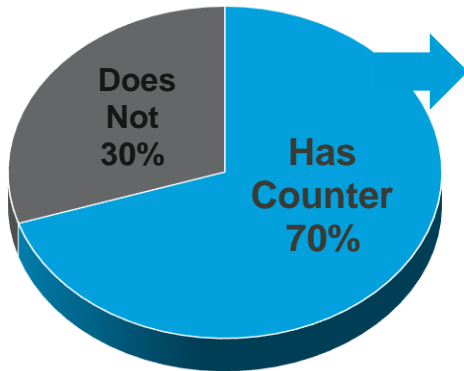


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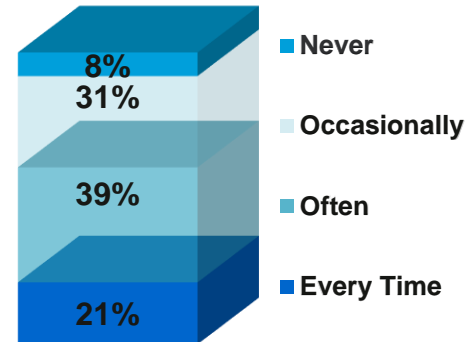


Seafood consumers use of and experience with their primary store's seafood counter has been mixed.

Primary Store...



Frequency of Using Seafood Counter



► Source: FMI's Power of Seafood (Q33-37)

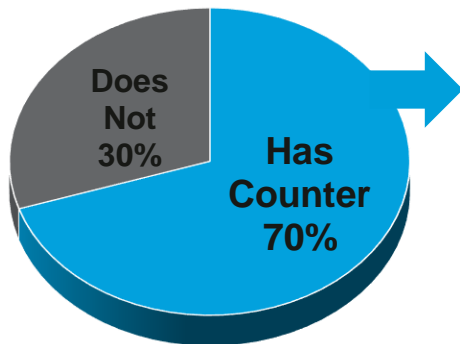


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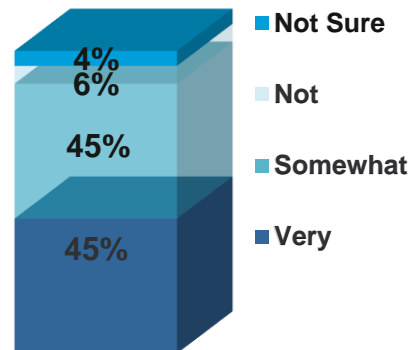


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Knowledge of Seafood Counter Staff

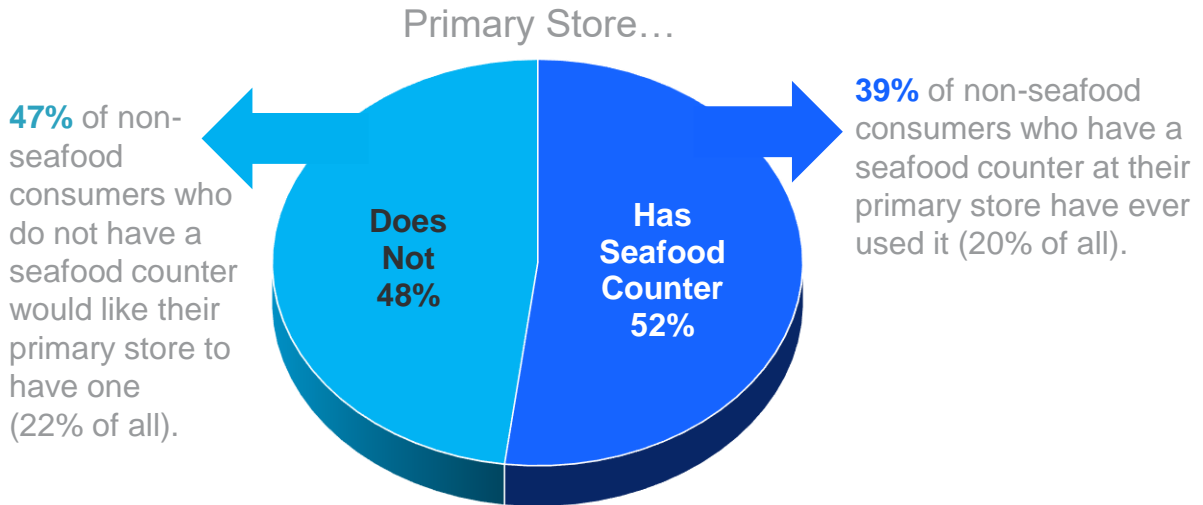


► Source: FMI's Power of Seafood (Q33-37)

# The Seafood Counter



**A seafood counter could convert some non-seafood consumers**

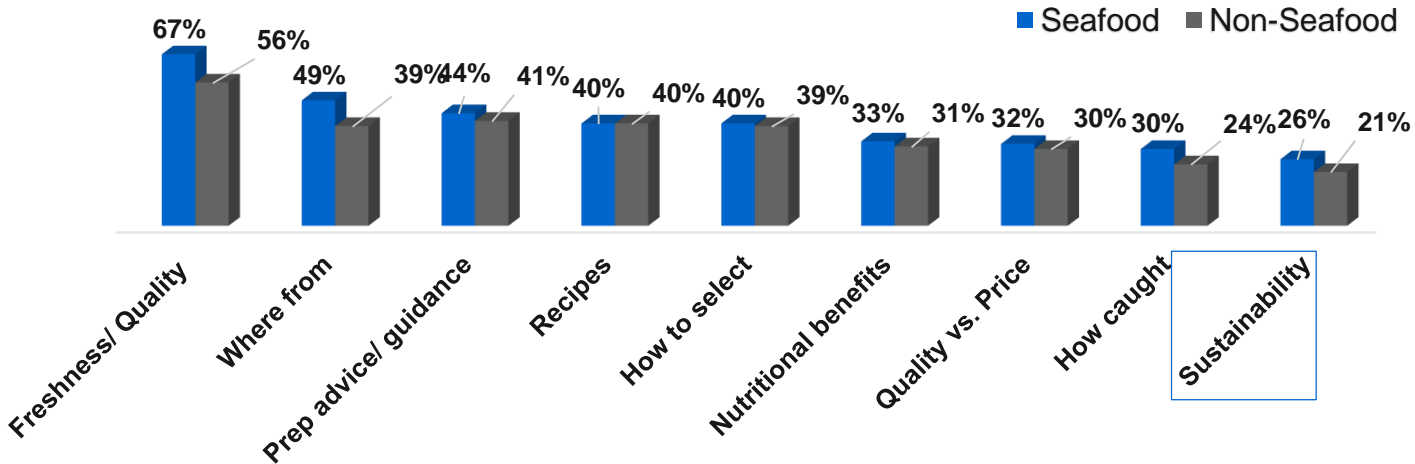


Source: FMI's Power of Seafood (Q51-54)

# The Seafood Counter



Expectations are high for the information and assistance that can be provided by seafood counter staff.



► Source: FMI's Power of Seafood (Q38/56)

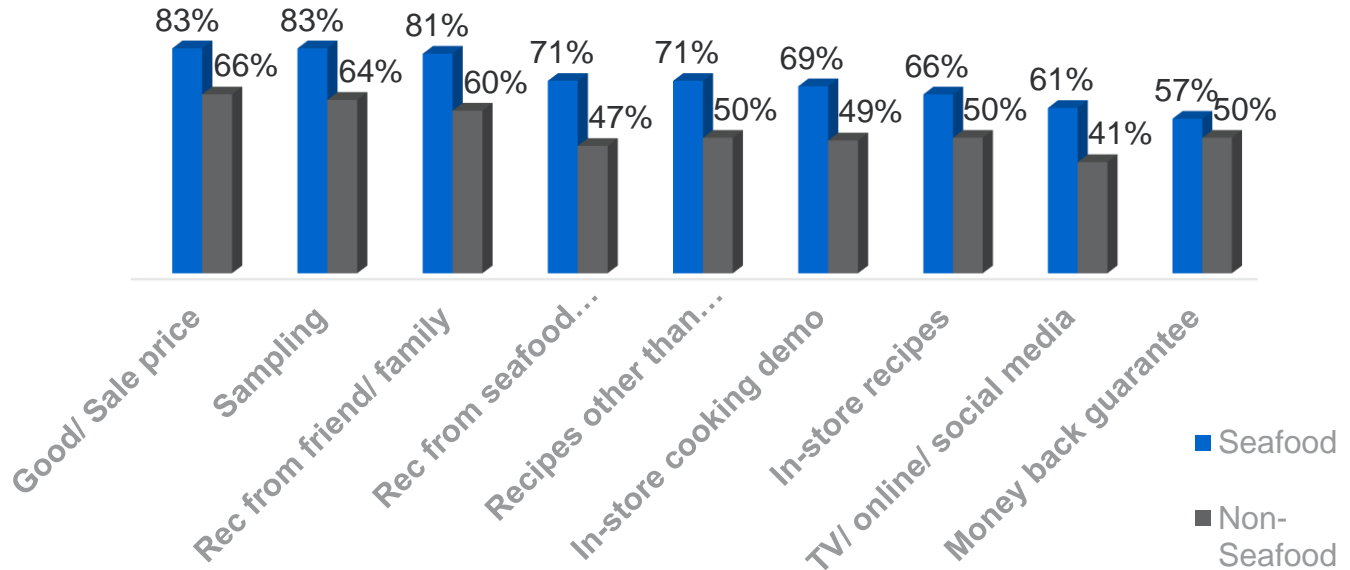


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# How to Generate Trial

## Approaches to generate trial abound

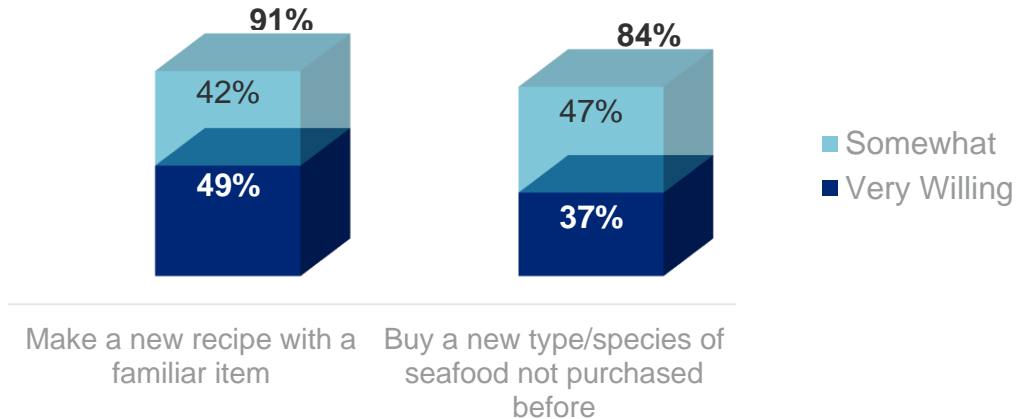




# How to Generate Trial

## Seafood counter staff a resource for seafood consumers

*Willingness to... based on recommendation  
from store's seafood department*

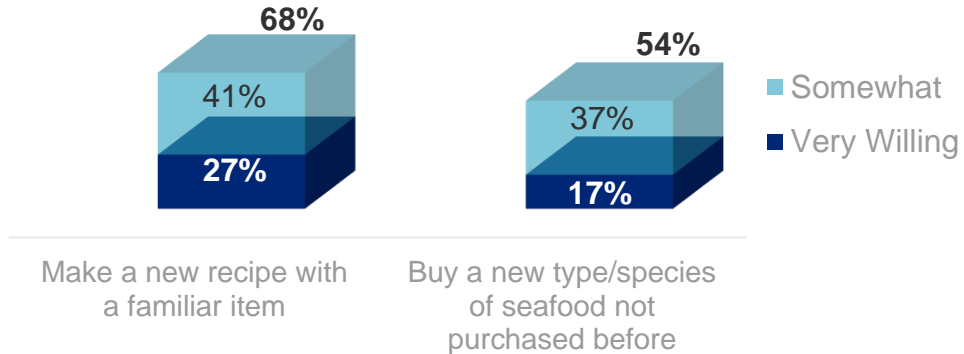




# How to Generate Trial

## Non-seafood consumers willing to take recommendations from seafood counter staff

*Willingness to... based on recommendation from store's seafood department*





# How to Generate Trial

Barriers for non-seafood consumers are varied but surmountable

	Major impact
Preference for other foods	45%
Cost/Expense	43%
Taste/Flavor	39%
Cost compared to other protein	33%
Freshness	33%
Smell/Odor	32%
Seafood is not top of mind	29%
Family will not like	26%

NOTE: Top mentions among 24 factors

Source: FMI's Power of Seafood (Q49)





what is the role of  
**nutrition, health,  
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certifications &  
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# Role of Nutrition and Health



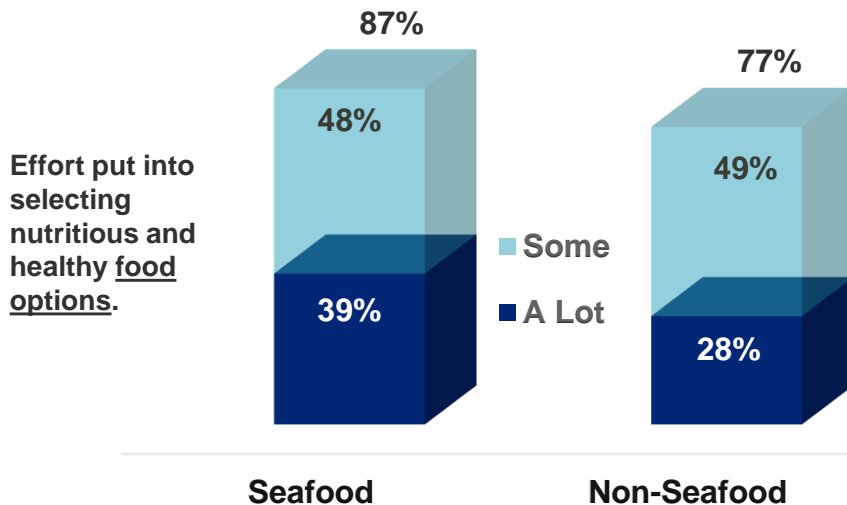
**Nutrition and health are important in seafood choices, along with general food choices.**



# Role of Nutrition and Health



Seafood consumers are focused on nutritious and healthy options in general and when eating seafood.



82% of seafood consumers do put at least some if not a lot of effort into selecting nutritious and healthy seafood options.

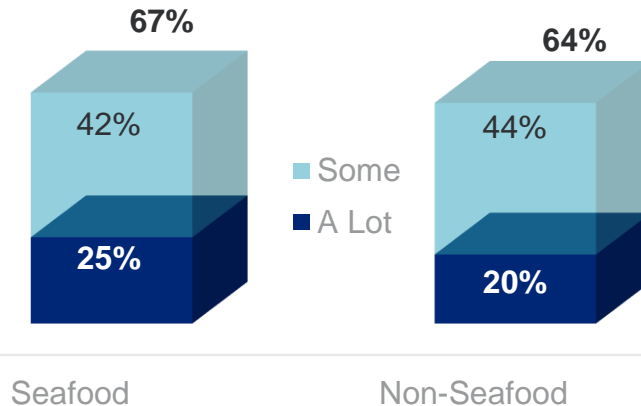
Source: FMI's Power of Seafood (Q42/43/61)

# Role of Sustainability



**Sustainability important to some consumers.**

**Effort put into  
selecting sustainable  
food options.**



**64% of seafood  
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Source: FMI's Power of Seafood (Q44/45/63)

# The Power of Seafood 2019

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2. Seafood consumers shop around, a lot, but not online.
3. Product quality, freshness, taste and flavor have the biggest impact on seafood shopping. But a sale/good price or just being in the mood can drive impulse purchases.
4. Seafood consumers do not feel very knowledgeable about seafood and, in fact, most want to become more knowledgeable. Many believe there is a lack of information about seafood.
5. Awareness of USDA, FDA and EPA recommendations and guidelines for seafood is less than universal.
6. Use of and opinions about the grocery store seafood counter are mixed, but shoppers do want one. Their expectations for information from the seafood counter are broad and varied.
7. Nutrition and health are important in general food choices and in seafood choices.

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