Sea Pact calls on the House of Representatives to oppose legislation to weaken the sustainability of U.S. fisheries

NEW YORK CITY, June 26, 2018 - Sea Pact calls on the House of Representatives to oppose H.R. 200. This legislation risks the United States’ competitive advantage in the marketplace and weakens the sustainability of our fisheries. The U.S. is a global model for science-based, transparent and stakeholder-driven management under the Magnuson-Stevens Act (MSA), and we take pride in delivering seafood that meets the highest standards. Unfortunately, H.R. 200 would make fundamental changes to the MSA, including increasing the risk of overfishing, undermining science and reducing accountability. These changes impact our business and U.S. consumers who demand sustainability. We urge Congress to oppose H.R. 200 and focus on supporting new market opportunities for sustainable U.S. seafood.

About Sea Pact:
Sea Pact is a partnership of ten like-minded, leading seafood distributors across North America: Fortune Fish & Gourmet in Chicago, Ipswich Shellfish Group in Boston, Santa Monica Seafood in Los Angeles, Seattle Fish Co. in Denver, J.J. McDonnell in Baltimore, Stavis Seafood in Boston, North Atlantic Inc. in Portland, Maine, Euclid Fish Company in Cleveland, Albion Farms & Fisheries in Vancouver, and Seacore Seafood in Toronto. These companies are united for a sustainable future and are using their collective strength to lead by example and drive improvement of environmental, economic, and social responsibility throughout the global seafood supply chain. Sea Pact receives sustainability council from non-profit organizations Ocean Outcomes, Sustainable Fisheries Partnership, and FishWise, and is a project under New Venture Fund’s 501(c)3 non-profit status. To learn more about Sea Pact visit their website at www.seapact.org and follow on twitter and facebook.