

The Future of the Fisheries

A Press Forum for Journalists and Storytellers
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Fishing communities everywhere are being displaced and even killed in their struggle against industrial aquaculture. This industry destroys ways of life, water, and territory.

This press forum is for journalists covering global food systems who are interested in understanding the global opposition to the aquaculture industry. **This event will take place immediately after FAO's COFI conference concludes this September.**

Today, the **ratio** of farmed fish to wild fish can be as high as 5:1, meaning **five pounds of wild forage fish are needed to produce a single pound of farmed fish.** That is food that is being taken away from peoples plates and fed to farmed fish.

Many times all that wild fish used for fishmeal goes to waste. Norway alone has had more than 20 farmed fish disasters ranging from **uncontrollable sea lice** to **severe fish escapes** and **mass death events** in the last two years. **Meanwhile communities that have been historically self-reliant from their local fisheries are now food insecure** due to the environmental contamination from the aquaculture industry.

Fishing communities are demanding that governments prioritize small-scale fishers rights, hold aquaculture corporations accountable, and invest in fishing communities who have been feeding the world since time immemorial.

Join this Press Forum on September 11th, to hear the stories of fisher peoples and expert investigators of the industry.

Speakers:

- **Simen Sætre:** Norwegian journalist and an award winning non-fiction writer. He is the author of “The New Fish”, a book published by Patagonia that tells the story of the origins of farmed salmon and the consequences of that action.
- **Siddharth Chakravarty:** Former seafarer and now a scholar on global fisher peoples movements. He holds a PhD from Queen Mary University of London focused on the political economy of the Indian seafood industry and is an affiliate at the university’s Centre of Labour, Sustainability and Global Production.
- **Arlene Oliveira da Costa:** Indigenous fisherwoman and popular educator. Arlene is the Coordinator for the National Articulation of Fisherwomen, the youth of the Movement of Artisanal Fishers of Brazil, the Movement of Fish Harvesters of Sergipe and President of the Association of Fisherwomen and Fish Harvesters of Porto do Mato since 2011.
- **Nadine Nembhard:** Co-Chair of the World Forum of Fisher Peoples and officer within the Caribbean Network of Fisheries Organizations representing hundreds of fisher peoples in the Caribbean.

HOW IS THE AQUACULTURE INDUSTRY SURVIVING GIVEN THE TRAGEDIES THAT HAVE ENSUED? HOW IS THE AQUACULTURE INDUSTRY CONTRADICTING ITS PROMISE TO FEED THE WORLD?

WHAT IS FOOD SOVEREIGNTY? WHAT ROLE DO SMALL FOOD PRODUCERS PLAY IN IMPLEMENTING PUBLIC POLICY ORIENTED TOWARDS FOOD PRODUCERS INSTEAD OF LARGE SCALE FOOD MANUFACTURING?

Each panelist will share their story in a 45 min moderated conversation, followed by a Q&A. Total runtime will be 90 minutes. Tune in, bring your questions, and explore the untold stories of fishing communities, sea fearers, and those who are proposing solutions for an abundant and prosperous future for the world's fisheries.

Moderated by: Este Narváez, Communications Officer, World Forum of Fisher Peoples

To connect with fisher peoples on the front lines
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Learn more about the [Global Fight Against Industrial Aquaculture HERE](#).