

# The State of Washington



## Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, Washingtonians have access to in-season local Washington seafood, from shrimp, crab, and salmon to halibut, tuna, and other fish and shellfish; and

**WHEREAS**, in an effort to make sound conservation-minded purchases, Washington's environmentally conscious consumer base, can feel good about buying local Washington seafood, which the state manages using stringent science-based monitoring and oversight; and

**WHEREAS**, consumers' decision to opt for local seafood also supports the Pacific Northwest's commercial seafood industry, which provides 102, 476 living-wage jobs and a \$11.2 million boost in sales to the economy; and

**WHEREAS**, spending time in the outdoors to catch, and then prepare, your own healthy seafood meals supports the well-being of Washington anglers; and

**WHEREAS**, commercial seafood is integral to the Pacific Northwest's maritime history and the foundation of many of our coastal communities' heritage; and

**WHEREAS**, when Washingtonians opt for local Washington seafood, which they can buy at the grocer, off the dock, or at their farmers market, they support local fishers, local economies, and Washington's statewide economy for years to come;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim October 2020, as

### *Seafood Month*

in Washington, and I encourage all people in our state to join me in this special observance.

Signed this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of September, 2020

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jay Inslee".

Governor Jay Inslee

