



CONFERENCE 2004:

**FISH, AQUACULTURE AND FOOD SECURITY:
Sustaining Fish as a Food Supply**

10 August 2004

PRESS CONFERENCE

Wednesday, 11 August 2004

10.30am – 11.00am

Theatrette, Parliament House

SEA OF PROBLEMS AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR OCEANS AND FISHERIES

<TRADE, REGIONAL SECURITY, RURAL, ENVIRONMENT, DEVELOPMENT >

“Fish, Aquaculture and Food Security: Sustaining Fish as a Food Supply”, is an international conference in Parliament House, Canberra on 11 August exploring the issues and the required action to maintain supplies of fish for human consumption, for the aquaculture industry, for the environment and for pleasure.

9.00am Opening by The Hon Alexander Downer, Minister for Foreign Affairs

**1.25pm Address by Sen The Hon Ian Macdonald, Minister for Fisheries on the
issue of illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing.**

A press conference will be held at 10.30am with:

- ◇ **Dr Sylvia Earle, Time magazine’s ‘Hero of the Planet’, world-renowned oceanographer and National Geographic Society explorer-in-residence, addressing the state of the world’s wild fisheries and their protection;**
- ◇ **Dr Meryl Williams, international fisheries expert, Chair of the FAO Advisory Committee on Fisheries Research and former Director General of the WorldFish Center, talking on solutions to the trade, environment and development problems associated with the rising tide of fish demand;**
- ◇ **Dr Mahfuzuddin Ahmed, President of the International Institute for Fisheries Economics and Trade, who will address sustainability issues.**

For further information, media statements or to arrange interviews, contact Cathy Reade on 0413 575 934. The program, bios and abstracts for the event are at <http://www.crawfordfund.org>

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