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Question1: Producers of wild seafood do not fit the criteria of many farm programs, however, they must sell into the same markets as conventionally farmed products. Unintended consequences of support for one group clearly discourages new entrants into the business of seafood harvesting.

Question2: Effective competition in the global market requires a business environment that can be predictable. Seafood producers need the same sources of stability that are available to other food commodity producers such as price supports and other programs designed to reduce uncontrollable market risk.

Question3: Commercial fishing businesses are de-stabilized through programs that are only available to other domestic food producers many of whom are encouraged to become more corporate entities just to take advantage of the available farm programs. If the programs are available for one group, then they need to be available for another!!!

Question4: Conservation and environmental goals are best achieved when there are solid economic reasons for ensuring environmental health. Farm policies need to be tailored to promote environmental stewardship.

Question5: Commercial fishing activities and economies are almost entirely rural. Infrastructure development is crucial to maintaining viability of communities whose lifeblood is harvest of seafood products.

Question6: There are significant underutilized marine food resources that are underutilized and could benefit from product development, marketing, and research as well as infrastructure development--just like the any rural food producing economy. Commercial fisheries need to have a level playing field in bringing products to market. Programs such as those supporting "organic" designations need to be adaptable for equally or more healthful products harvested from the oceans.