**Global Fisheries Innovation Award**

**2022 Application Form**

**Introduction**

In 2022, the Global Seafood Alliance introduced the Global Fisheries Innovation Award to recognize individuals and companies finding new solutions to the key challenges facing wild-capture fisheries.

**What’s a fisheries innovation?**

Examples include fisheries improvement projects (FIPs); initiatives that provide small-scale fishers access to new markets; technology that reduces fisheries bycatch or minimizes the environmental impact of fishing gear or occurrence of derelict gear; technology (such as satellite and vessel monitoring) to help authorities prevent illegal, unregulated and unreported fishing; initiatives that address worker safety and wellbeing aboard fishing vessels; technology that promotes more sustainable fisheries supply chains; and initiatives that incorporate the impacts of climate change into sustainable fisheries management.

**Who is eligible to apply?**

Both individuals and companies performing activities related to wild-capture fisheries may submit applications. Third parties may also submit an application on behalf of an individual or company.

**How do I apply?**

To apply, fill out the application form in its entirety and email it to GAA’s Dan Lee and Steven Hedlund. Visuals of the innovation, including photographs, illustrations and videos, are strongly encouraged to be included with the application. **The application deadline is July 15.**

**How are the finalists determined?**

In the first round of judging, seven judges narrow the list of applicants to nine. The judges are GSA’s Dan Lee and George Chamberlain and current and former GSA Standards Oversight Committee members Patrick Blow of Marks & Spencer, Alejandro Buschmann of i-mar Research and the Development Center of Coastal Resources and Environments, Lukas Manomaitis of the U.S. Soybean Export Council, Dawn Purchase of the Marine Conservation Society and Michael Tlusty of the University of Massachusetts-Boston. In the second round of judging, the 12-member SOC selects three finalists. The three finalists will then be invited to present their innovations at the GOAL 2022 conference in Seattle from Oct. 3 to 6., with the winner being selected by audience vote.

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| Are visuals included with the application? |  |
| Will the nominee be available to present at GOAL 2022? |  |

Summarize the innovation (100 words max):

Describe the specific problem or area of concern that this innovation addresses (100 words max):

Describe the innovative solution to this problem (200 words max):

How does this innovative solution exceed standard industry practices (100 words max)?

Describe your success or outcomes (100 words max):

What is the potential scope for the application of this innovation to the wider industry (100 words max)?