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The son of a fisherman's son, Bruce has not drifted far from the Seafood Industry. Just bad luck, or as Grandpa Kris contended, a curse of the stink. Bruce moved from the fishing grounds to Quality Assurance for Icicle Seafoods, Petersburg in 1980, which kept him land bound in the summers while exploring various career paths in science, psychology and communications at Washington State University and then Western Washington University. Bruce has been with the Seafood Products Association since 1992 when it was the National Food Processors Association, where he

first managed the sensory examination lab before taking over for George Berkompas in 2004, as Head of Inspection. Currently, Bruce holds the title of Vice President of Product Services. Besides smelling fish or providing direct member assistance with technical and regulatory issues, Bruce also continues developing training curriculum that addresses the needs of member employees' as SPA continues to bolster its educational outreach.