**Responsible Seafood Innovation Awards**

**2025 Application Form**

What are the Responsible Seafood Innovation Awards?

Now in its 13th year, the Responsible Seafood Innovation Awards recognize individuals and organizations finding new solutions to the challenges facing seafood. The competition has two categories – one for aquaculture and one for wild-capture fisheries**.**

The 13th Responsible Seafood Innovation Awards are sponsored by the **U.S. Soybean Export Council (USSEC).**

What’s an aquaculture innovation? What’s a fisheries innovation?

Aquaculture innovations include technologies that mitigate the occurrence of animal diseases or parasites, or that reduce or eliminate the use of antibiotics to treat animals; technologies that improve production efficiencies at the hatchery or farm levels while mitigating environmental impact; advances in offshore or land-based recirculation technologies; novel feed ingredients; reductions in carbon footprint through improved energy efficiency or regeneration; and social programs designed to improve living and working conditions at the farm or processing levels.

Fisheries innovations 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 IUU 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.

Innovations further down the value chain, such as eco-friendly seafood packaging, are also eligible to apply.

Who is eligible to apply?

Both individuals and companies performing activities related to aquaculture and 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 this application form in its entirety and upload to the website provided in the contest announcement email. Visuals of the innovation, including photographs, illustrations and videos, are strongly encouraged to be included with the application. **Applications are being accepted through July 18, 2025.** PleaseJamie Wright at jamie.wright@globalseafood.org with any further questions.

How are the finalists determined? What’s the timeline?

In the first round of judging, the judges narrow the list of applicants for each of the two categories (aquaculture and wild-capture fisheries) to nine semi-finalists by July 31. The judges are a combination of GSA staff, GSA Standards Oversight Committee (SOC) members and select external shareholders.

The six finalists (three for each category) will then be invited to attend the Responsible Seafood Summit in Cartagena, Colombia, and present their innovations during a reception on Tuesday, Sept. 30, or to submit a short (5-minute) video as a stand-in. The two winners will be announced at that time after an audience poll is conducted on site.

This application is for the Responsible Seafood Innovation Award in which category?

 Aquaculture [ ]  Fisheries [ ]

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| Are visuals included with the application? |  |
| Is the applicant able to present at the event in Cartagena, Colombia on Sept. 30? |  |

**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)?**