

category of exhibitor, 43 percent was dedicated to equipment, packaging, transportation and other services. Other exhibitor product categories included: shellfish 17 percent, finfish 15 percent, shrimp 13 percent and seafood specialty products/value added, 12 percent.

Sea Fare Southeast featured two days of trade show activity and educational seminars. It was attended by over three thousand (3000) Seafood Distributors/Wholesalers, Foodservice Distributors, Brokers, Importers, Restaurateurs and other decision makers, within the industry.

#### MAJOR THEMES

It was very difficult to define a major theme in evidence at this trade show. A slight decline in exhibitors and an increase in participants from the equipment and services sector is no doubt an indication that primary and secondary industries are experiencing an economic slowdown. A principal theme and major emphasis of most regional stands was that of Aquaculture and the various species being developed and farmed by industry.