

## **Nils Stolpe - abbreviated bio**

Nils Stolpe has worked for, in and around various aspects of the seafood industry for over three decades, including a stint managing a large experimental aquaculture facility and another organizing a fisheries/aquaculture development program for a state agency. For the last twenty years he has been an independent consultant involved in various aspects of the fishing industry, has been Executive Director of several commercial fishing industry trade groups and has served in an advisory capacity on a number of regional and state boards, committees, etc. He is currently the communications director of Garden State Seafood Association in New Jersey and is the webmaster of three internet sites dealing with various aspects of the fish and seafood industry (FishNet-Usa.com, FishingNJ.org and Fishtruth.net).

He has been a columnist for National Fisherman, the only national trade journal for the U.S. commercial fishing industry and the website SavingSeafood.org. He now researches, writes and distributes a column, From Another Perspective, independently.

As an observer of and participant in the fisheries management process since the Magnuson Act (the initial designation of what has become the Sustainable Fisheries Act) became law in 1976, his view of the system in place today is "there isn't anything wrong with fisheries management today that adequate data, good science and objective participants couldn't fix. As the system is increasingly distorted by focused political pressure, the commercial fishermen, the fisheries resources and, ultimately, the seafood consumers and the U.S. economy all loose out."