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### **AS SEAFOOD SALES DECLINE AS A RESULT OF THE OIL SPILL, RESTAURANTS ISSUES STATEMENT OF SAFETY**

Mobile, Alabama—the Mobile Chapter of the Alabama Restaurant held a meeting on July 20, 2010 to discuss the growing concern among restaurants in Mobile due to the public's perception that seafood served in restaurants may not be safe due to the oil spill disaster. Despite the fact that seafood today undergoes a more rigorous inspection process as a result of the oil spill, consumers have remained wary about ordering seafood and restaurants. As result, the chapter has issued the following statement:

Statement from the Alabama Restaurant Association – Mobile Chapter

We, who everyday put our hearts into providing you with the freshest and best quality seafood, want you to feel confident in the quality and safety of the product we provide to you and your families.

For many years Gulf Coast Seafood has been a valued resource of the Alabama economy providing jobs for thousands of people and a livelihood for families for generations. It is an industry steeped in hundreds of years of tradition throughout the state of Alabama.

Due to circumstances related to the recent BP Oil spill, those resources have been damaged and are threatened. The effect has been felt across the State, the Gulf Region and the Entire Country.

In the aftermath of this oil spill, be assured that our product quality is being monitored closer than ever, and that we will only provide products that have been thoroughly inspected.

We will continue to serve quality seafood products to the folks of our great state in our restaurants. We invite you to join us for a meal or to purchase seafood from an Alabama processor for your use at home.

By working together, we can all get through the challenges that this tragedy has brought. Nothing worthwhile has ever been accomplished any other way.

We are all very grateful for your support.

Information about the oil spill can be found on the Association's WebPages at [www.stayandplayalabama.com](http://www.stayandplayalabama.com).

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*The Alabama Restaurant Association is the state's largest trade association representing the foodservice industry. The Association represents all restaurant and foodservice-related segments, offering members lobbying support on legislative issues, money-saving benefits, information-services and training aids. The Association is located in Montgomery, AL. and has over 1,200 members.*