

# Restaurants wise up

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**Plans to save our ocean's fish continue on one dinner plate at a time, according to Ocean Wise program director Mike McDermid.**

McDermid stood front-and-centre at the Vancouver Aquarium yesterday to announce 73 new partners had joined the sustainable seafood program last year, bringing the grand total to 175 partners operating 2,072 locations across Canada.



Wright said suppliers are signing on in droves as consumers realize the benefits of sustainable seafood.

"Something that's caught by a hook-and-line is pristine, whereas when you cram into the back of a net and stuff everything else in there, it's all scarred and bruised," he said.

Peter Raptis, managing partner of SIP lounge and The Refinery on Granville Street, said the restaurant industry is slowly siding for sustainability despite restaurateurs making sustainable seafood a dollars and cents issue.

"Not every restaurant is as committed to the environment but the people who are a part of it see the importance as the years and years go on," he said.