

Dear Dr. Aleksey Baitaliuk:

I congratulate TINRO-Center on 100 years of contributions to scientific excellence in fisheries and ocean science.

I have worked closely with TINRO scientists over the past 15 years representing Canada at the North Pacific Anadromous Fish Commission and Directing the International Year of the Salmon program. TINRO scientists have always been tremendous leaders in both the scope and impact of the work they contribute to understanding salmon and the North Pacific Ocean more broadly. They have led the way in demonstrating how to fully assess ocean ecosystems and I will always be grateful for the overarching Pan-Pacific survey design they provided to guide the historic 2022 IYS survey of the North Pacific Ocean.

Mark Saunders

Retired Director of NPAFC's International Year of the Salmon Project