

# The NFI Future Leaders Class of 2019



# Brett Barber

**Chief Operations Officer, Arctic Fisheries Ltd.**



Brett Barber has been with Arctic Fisheries Ltd. since 2017. Prior to joining Arctic Fisheries Ltd., he was an award-winning manager for Cintas Corporation.

Brett Barber graduate of the State University of New York at Buffalo, where he was a member of the men's ice hockey team. Committed to self-improvement, Brett enrolled in graduate studies at Canisius College for an accounting based MBA. Brett's life is centered on family, friends and sports.

You miss 100% of the shots you don't take  
– *Wayne Gretzky*



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# OB Bera

## Sales Manager, Beacon Fisheries Inc.



OB Bera started at Beacon Fisheries in 2011 as an intern. Post graduation, he has served in various roles within purchasing, logistics, and sales.

OB received his bachelor's degree from the University of North Florida. He, his Wife Mackenzie, and dog Hamilton live in Jacksonville, Florida. OB enjoys woodworking, fishing, great food, sports, and spending time with friends and family.

Nothing ever comes to one, that is worth having, except as a result of hard work.

– *Booker T. Washington*



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# Chris Blankenbaker

Director, Corporate Development, Fortune Fish & Gourmet



Chris Blankenbaker has been with Fortune since 2017. Prior to joining Fortune, he was the Seafood Director for Plum Market.

After attending college in Michigan, Chris worked in the seafood industry in Gloucester, MA. before returning to Michigan for his time at Plum Market. He and his wife Tiffany currently live in Minneapolis with their children. Chris enjoys playing basketball and spending time with his family.

"The Team, The Team, The Team."  
– *Bo Schembechler*



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# Jeanette Borges

## Business Development Manager, Regal Springs Tilapia



Jeanette Borges has been in the seafood industry for 20 years. She prides herself on the opportunities that she has encountered through out her career. She recently came back to Regal Springs after being the Director of National Accounts at Open Blue Cobia.

Jeanette and her husband Daniel have been together for 23 years and have two children. One in college and one going to high school; they enjoy family vacations. She finds that running and shopping are her zen.

*"Opportunities don't happen. You create them."  
- Chris Grosser*



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# Mike Campanile

Sr. Marketing Manager, Trident Seafoods



Mike Campanile has been with Trident Seafoods since 2014. Prior to joining Trident, he was a marketing manager with Aqua Star.

Mike received his bachelor's degree in marketing from Seattle University. He enjoys movies, traveling and spending time with family & friends

"Everything you've ever wanted is on the other side of fear." – *George Addair*



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# Chris Chase

Associate Editor, SeafoodSource, Diversified Communications



Chris has been with SeafoodSource since 2018. Previously, he spent five years working in the newspaper industry, covering local issues from politics to whoopie pies.

Chris graduated from the University of Maine, and currently lives in Portland, Maine. In his spare time he likes skiing, hiking, and enjoying Portland's food scene.

"Experience is simply the name we give our mistakes." – *Oscar Wilde*



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# Clay Crockett

Manager, Business Development, Americold Logistics



Clay has been with Americold since 2014. Prior to joining Americold, he worked for a 3PL called freightquote.com out of Kansas City.

Clay lives with his spouse and their dog in Woodbridge Virginia. He enjoys reading, all things food and drink, and is an avid movie buff.

"The secret of getting ahead is getting started."  
– *Mark Twain*



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# Brian Cumberledge

Director, National Foodservice, Anova Foods



Brian Cumberledge has been with Anova since 2016. Prior to joining Anova, he was with US Foods for 22 years most recently as a Regional Sales Mgr.

Brian received his bachelor's degree from the University of Kentucky. He and his wife Marcia have two children and two grandchildren. Brian enjoys being active in sports and spending time with his growing family.

Do not let what you cannot do interfere with what you can do. – *John Wooden*



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# Josh deBin

## Sales, Eastern Fish Company



Josh has been with Eastern Fish Company since 2016. Prior to joining Eastern Fish Company he worked for Harbor Seafood.

Josh resides in South Florida with his wife and two children. Josh enjoys outdoor activities such as hunting and fishing. He also enjoys spending time with his family.

It's better to have it and not need it, than to need it and not have it. – *Franz Kafka*



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# Ron Denning

Vice President of Manufacturing, Morey's Seafood International



Ron Denning has a total of 9 years with Morey's. Prior to joining Morey's he was General Manager of Two Rivers Enterprises and worked in the insurance industry.

Ron received his bachelor's degree from Concordia College Moorhead, MN. He and his wife Cindy have three children and two grandsons. Ron is very active in civic organizations and enjoys spending time with his family.

Effort and courage are not enough without purpose and direction. – *John F Kennedy*



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# Chris Ford

## Manager, Purchasing, Darden Restaurants



Chris Ford has been with Darden for over 25 years working in a variety of positions during that time. His career began in operations managing several Red Lobster Restaurants before moving to Accounting/Finance Roles. He has worked in Supply Chain for the last 8 years managing the produce/bakery categories and recently moved to Seafood Purchasing in late 2018.

Chris received his bachelor's degree from Saint Leo University. He and his wife Jennifer have twin girls. Chris enjoys watching his girls play volleyball and travelling with his family.

You miss 100 percent of the shots you don't take.  
– *Wayne Gretzky*



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# Shane Gaut

## Regional Sales Manager, Harvest Select Catfish



Shane Gaut has been with Harvest Select Catfish since early 2018. Prior to joining the HS team, he worked in the packaged meat and journalism industries.

Shane received his bachelor's degree from the University of Alabama. He and his girlfriend have two French Bulldogs. Shane enjoys playing golf, bass fishing and reading a good book.

"Life itself is a privilege, but to live life to the fullest, well that is a choice." – *Andy Andrews*



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# Emily Gibson

Environmental Compliance Manager, UniSea, Inc.



Emily Gibson started her career with UniSea in 2012 as the Integrated Environmental Management Systems Supervisor and has been the Environmental Compliance Manager since 2014.

Emily received her bachelor's degree from Eastern Oregon University. She and her husband David enjoy spending time on the water and traveling with their daughter.

A smooth sea never made a skilled sailor.

– *Franklin D. Roosevelt*



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# Mike Grimes

Corporate Chef, Tampa Maid Foods, LLC



Mike Grimes is the Corporate Chef and Manager of Culinary Services for Tampa Maid Foods in Lakeland, Florida. He is responsible for the development and administration of all culinary functions related to recipes, new product ideation, product training and presentations of Tampa Maid's products in the marketplace.

Chef Mike graduated Valedictorian of the prestigious Cordon Bleu program at the Orlando Culinary Academy and took his post-graduate training at the Culinary Institute of America in New York. When he's not gardening, reading or watching old movies with his family, Mike raises and competes with his pedigreed Flemish Giant show rabbits.

"To reach a great height, a person must have great depth."  
– *Anonymous*



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# Trent Hartill

Vice President, Fisheries and Sustainability, American Seafoods



Trent Hartill works for American Seafoods focusing on regulatory, legislative and sustainability issues. Prior to that he spent 10 years managing commercial salmon, herring, groundfish and shellfish fisheries for Alaska Department of Fish & Game throughout Alaska. Recently, he represented the State of Alaska on the North Pacific Fishery Management Council.

When Trent isn't attending meetings, he can usually be found mountain biking, hunting or exploring the Pacific Northwest.

Good judgement comes from experience and a lot of that comes from bad judgement – *Will Rogers*



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# Marin Hawk

## Fishery Outreach Manager, Marine Stewardship Council



Marin Hawk has been with the MSC since 2015. Prior to the MSC, Marin worked at the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission, an interstate management agency.

Marin received her bachelor's degree from Washington University in St. Louis and her Master's degree from the College of Charleston. She enjoys scuba diving and spending time outdoors whenever possible.

"The only limit to our realization of tomorrow will be our doubts of today."

*– Franklin D. Roosevelt*



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# Samantha Hung

Invoice & Inventory Controller, Sea Port Products



Samantha joined Sea Port's accounting department in June 2013 where she primarily manages the inventory.

Samantha grew up in San Jose, California and graduated from Portland State University with a degree in accounting. In 2018 she passed her CPA exams. Samantha enjoys birding, her favorite authors are Marina Warner and K.J. Parker.

Don't count the days, make the days count.  
– *Muhammad Ali*



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# Mackenzie Hutchens

## Sales Representative, Raw Seafoods Inc.



Mackenzie has been working in all aspects of her family business since she was a teenager. During the past two years she has hit her stride educating and entertaining customers in her current role as one of the company's youngest sales representatives.

Mackenzie was born in New Bedford, MA but spent most of her childhood living in Freetown, MA with her 5 siblings (which later grew to 9). She enjoys playing with her dog Vivian, spending as much time as possible with her awesome family, and working on PR's with her boyfriend Joe every week at his CrossFit gym in Greenwich, CT.

"Learn to swim or learn to float. Both may keep you above water, but only one will move deliberately in the direction you want to travel."

- Cleo Wade



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# Noemi Jenkins

## Shrimp Category Manager, Pacific Seafood Group



Noemi Jenkins has been with Pacific Seafood since 2006. Prior to joining Pacific, she was with C&K Markets, corporate office for Ray's Food Place.

Noemi and her husband have two children. She enjoys spending time with family, reading and a good daily dose of Yoga.

Learning never exhausts the mind.  
– *Leonardo da Vinci*



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# Mike Kienke

Senior Account Manager, Harbor Seafood Inc.



Mike Kienke has been with Harbor Seafood since 2012. He spent the previous four years working in Ad Sales with Hearst Magazines.

Mike received his bachelor's degree from Salisbury University. He and his wife enjoy to travel to new regions each year. Mike and his family look forward to their Annual Charity Golf Outing raising money for Children's Cancer since 2012.

"Making shots counts, but not as much as the people who make them." – *Mike Krzyzewski*



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# Jeff Lemke

## Senior Account Manger, Fortune Fish & Gourmet



Jeff has been with Fortune Fish & Gourmet since 2009. He has been in seafood sales since 2003. Prior to seafood sales Jeff was an executive chef for 20 years.

Jeff has an Associates Degree in Hospitality Management from Triton College and is a Certified Executive Chef. He enjoys all sports and spending time with his wife and daughter.

*"Your never wrong to do the right thing"*  
*- Mark Twain*



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# Ryan Lind

## Regional Sales Manager, Open Blue Sea Farms



Ryan has been with Open Blue for 5 years. He studied Marine Biology and moved to Panama. Ryan helped develop the hatchery and offshore. He's been slinging Open Blue Cobia since 2015.

Ryan received an M.S. in Aquaculture from the Rosentiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Science. He enjoys diving, spearfishing, and long walks on the beach.

"Look deep into nature, and then you will understand everything better" – *Albert Einstein*



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# Luis Loyola

Account Executive, National Accounts, Quirch Foods



Luis Loyola has been with Quirch Foods since 2017. Prior to joining Quirch Foods, he was with The Coca Cola Company where he served in various management positions. Prior to that he spent time in the leather goods industry.

Luis did some course work in management and leadership programs. He and his wife Andrea have five children. Luis enjoys playing golf, riding bicycles, exploring beaches around the world and spending time with his family.

Direction, not intention determines your destination – *Andy Stanley*



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# Diane Lyon

## Research and Development, King and Prince Seafood



Diane Lyon has been with King and Prince Seafood since 2015. Prior to that she spent more than 18 years with Long John Silvers/Yum Brands.

Diane has 2 sons, a 5 year old grandson and 2 dogs. In her spare time she enjoys quilting, woodworking and time to just sit back and relax. Diane is a graduate of the University of Nebraska.

First, *Think*  
Second, *Believe*  
Third, *Dream*  
And finally, *Dare*  
– Walt Disney

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# Alex MacKinnon

Strategic Sourcing Manager, Slade Gorton & Co., Inc.



Alex MacKinnon has been at Slade Gorton since 2014. Prior to joining Slade he worked in demand planning at Houghton Mifflin Harcourt publishing in Boston, MA.

Alex received his bachelor's degree in Economics from Keene State College in Keene, NH in 2006. He currently lives in Boston and enjoys skiing, golfing and spending time outdoors.

"Dream as if you'll live forever, live as if you'll die today" – *James Dean*



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# Amy Morris

Director, FP&A, American Seafoods Group



Amy Morris started her career in the seafood industry in 2008 when she joined American Seafoods. Prior to joining the ASG team, she was a member of the audit and advisory service teams at KPMG LLC.

Amy received her bachelor's and Master's degrees from Gonzaga University. She and her husband Bryan have two daughters and one fat dog. Amy enjoys being active and spending time with her family.

"I find that the harder I work, the more luck I seem to have." – *Thomas Jefferson*



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# Cynthia Nava

Sales, Orca Bay Foods



Cynthia Nava has been with Odyssey Foods since 2012; recently merged with Orca Bay Foods as of April 2019. Prior to working in seafood she dabbled in tutoring and education.

Cynthia received her bachelor's degree from University of California, Santa Barbara. She moved from CA to the Seattle area in 2012. Cynthia enjoys spending time with family & friends, travelling and outdoor activities.

To live is the rarest thing in the world. Most people exist, that is all. – *Oscar Wilde*



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# Justin Neff, CPA

Senior Manager, Business Assurance, Moss Adams LLP



Justin has practiced public accounting with Moss Adams in the Seattle office since 2005. His industry focus is Food and Beverage, and currently works with over 20 seafood companies.

Justin graduated from Western Washington University with degrees in Accounting and Spanish. He lives with his wife, son (5), daughter (2) and dog in Issaquah, Washington, where he enjoys hiking, biking, and anything outdoors. He also enjoys playing piano and saxophone, and is currently working on learning the guitar.

"A pessimist sees the difficulty in every opportunity; an optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty."  
– *Winston Churchill*



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# Thomas O'Connell

Planning & Analytics Manager, F.W. Bryce Inc.



Thomas O'Connell has been with FW Bryce since 2011. Prior to joining FW Bryce, he started his career at the Bank of New York Mellon. Thomas is also a part - time coach for swimming with the same club he participated in when he was a young athlete.

Thomas received his bachelor's degree from LeMoyne College in Syracuse, NY. He lives in Gloucester, Ma with his wife Sarah and enjoys woodworking, boating, and spending time with friends and family.

"Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it." – *George Santayana*



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# Mckinley Pfahl

## Senior Sales Analyst, Pacific Seafood Group



Mckinley Pfahl joined Pacific Seafood Group in 2015. Before joining PSG, Mckinley worked as a sales rep in the beverage industry.

Mckinley received his bachelors in economics from the University of Portland, and will complete his MBA in the Fall of 2019. When not studying, Mckinley enjoys playing ice hockey and shooting pool.

A year from now, you might wish you had started today . – *Karen Lamb*



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# John Pollock

## Director of Sales – Rich Products



John Pollock has been with Rich's since 2011. Prior to joining Rich's he worked with the American Cancer Society and various sales positions.

John received his bachelor's degree from The Citadel – military college of South Carolina. He and his wife Carol have two boys (Sawyer & Samuel). In his spare time, John enjoys playing golf and spending time with his family.

Success isn't owned. It's leased and rent is due everyday." – *J.J. Watt*



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# Logan Porter

Project Manger, The Fishin' Company



Logan Porter has been with The Fishin' Company since 2013 as an Account Manager and most recently a Project Manager. Prior to joining Fishin', he worked in Accounting for a greeting card company.

Logan received his MBA and bachelor's degree from John Brown University. Logan and his wife, three kids, and golden doodle live in Northwest Arkansas. Logan enjoys being outside and spending time with his family.

"Life begins at the end of your comfort zone"  
– Neale Donald Walsch



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# Megan Rider

Domestic Marketing Director, Interim, Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute (ASMI)



Megan has been with ASMI since 2013 spending four years in the International program and recently joining Domestic. Prior to that she worked for the Office of Governor Sean Parnell and for a lobbying firm, J.M. Walsh and Company.

Megan received her Bachelor's from Western Washington University. She also completed study abroads in Costa Rica, Cambodia, and Italy.

Megan enjoys volunteering with the local animal shelter and has been matched with her "little brother" Malikhi through Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Alaska for six years.

"Vulnerability is the birthplace of innovation, creativity and change" – *Brené Brown*



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# Tom Scavuzzo

Global Sales & Business Development, Hofseth North America



Tom was the first employee at Hofseth North America. Prior to joining HNA, he worked in the technology vertical selling compute infrastructure, networking and storage to large corporations.

Tom received his bachelor's degree from University of Illinois @ Chicago. He lives in Park Ridge, IL with his wife and two young sons. Tom enjoys coaching youth basketball and spending time with his family.

Talent wins games, but intelligence and teamwork win championships – *Michael Jordan*



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# Avery Siciliano

## Corporate Responsibility Manager, GAA/BAP



Avery Siciliano has been with the Global Aquaculture Alliance's Best Aquaculture Practices since 2017. Prior to this role, she worked for the Center for American Progress and Oceana in Washington, DC.

Avery received her bachelor's degree from Vassar College and earned a master's degree in environmental management from Duke University. She enjoys traveling, hiking, and spending time by the ocean.

What you do makes a difference, and you have to decide what kind of difference you want to make. – *Jane Goodall*



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# Matt Tenaglia

Sales Manager, Preferred Freezer Services, Avon & Sharon MA



Matt Tenaglia has been with Preferred Freezer since June 2013. Preferred was the first company Matt has worked for out of college. Initially running the Avon facility in 2018 Matt added the Sharon facility to his responsibilities.

Matt received his bachelor's degrees from Loyola University in Baltimore, Maryland in Business Economics. Matt is engaged, due to be married in summer 2020. Enjoys being active continuing to play ice hockey regularly with friends.

You miss 100% of the shots you don't take.  
– *Wayne Gretzky*



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# Kate Tomkins

## Director of Development, SeaShare



Kate Tomkins has been with SeaShare since 2015. Prior to joining SeaShare she was with an environmental education nonprofit called IslandWood, and spent a decade working overseas for the International Rescue Committee's humanitarian aid programs.

Kate has a BA in History and International Politics from Connecticut College. She and her husband Fred have two boys, ages 5 and 6. Kate enjoys spending as much time as possible in or on the water.

"The cure for everything is salt water — sweat, tears, or the sea." – *Karen Blixen*



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# Kyle Ward

## Financial Analyst , Domestic Sales, Trident Seafoods



Kyle Ward has been with Trident Seafoods since 2014. He worked in Treasury as an analyst before moving into a Financial Analyst role. Kyle works heavily with Trident's raw data and financial reporting.

Kyle graduated from Western Washington University in 2010 with a degree in Financial Economics. He worked his college summers as a wildland firefighter. Kyle enjoys going on adventures with his girlfriend and his dog as well as spending time with family and friends.

If you don't have the time to do it right, when will you have time to do it over? – *John Wooden*



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# Todd Toombs

Director of Sales – Walmart Inc, Rich Products



Todd Toombs has been with Rich Products since 2017 but has worked with Walmart and Sam's Club in the Northwest Arkansas market since 2007. He previously ran the Walmart team for Morton Salt and spent 14 years with Heinz Consumer Products prior to that.

Todd received his bachelor's degree from Arizona State University. He and his wife Sharon live in Bentonville and have a son, 2 daughters, and two beautiful granddaughters.

"Get busy living or get busy dying"  
– *Andy Dufresne, The Shawshank Redemption*



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# Chris Willis

## Regional Sales Manager, Bay Hill Seafood Sales



Chris Willis has been in the seafood industry for the past 15 years. Prior to joining the Bay Hill Seafood team last year he was in procurement and operations management with Halsey Foodservice and Steel City Seafood.

Chris received his bachelor's degree in Business Administration from the University of South Alabama in 2000. He has a son Leo (8) who is his pride and joy! Chris enjoys fishing, cooking, live music events, Alabama Football, and spending time with his family and friends.

*"Your Body is Not A Temple: It's An Amusement Park, Enjoy the Ride" – Anthony Bourdain*



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# Izzy Wilson

## Operations Manager, Seafood Exchange



Izzy Wilson came to work for Seafood Exchange in 2006. She manages the day to day operations covering everything from logistics to procurement to customer needs. Prior experience includes time at a pharmaceutical company and software sales.

Izzy graduated from NC State with a bachelors degree in biology. She has one daughter with her husband Tim. On the weekends you will find her at the park with her friends and family or making crafts with her daughter Ellie.

“Character is doing the right thing when nobody’s looking.” – *J.C. Watts*



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