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## Eddie M's LLC acquires and merges American Fish & Seafood, Inc. into Eddie M's Seafood in Plymouth MN

Eddie M's LLC, an enterprise owned by Jordan Mazzetta (CEO), is proud to bring together two prominent Midwest seafood distributors with the acquisition of assets of American Fish & Seafood, Inc. (AFSI) based in Minnetonka, MN. The newly merged joint company will be based and operated from Eddie M's Plymouth, MN facility. The 65,000 square foot state-of-the-art seafood processing and distribution facility will service customers currently served by both companies.

Mazzetta states, "It was a pleasure to work with Butch Bialick to assure the continuity of American's nearly 100-year history of servicing the Twin Cities with the finest seafood." Mazzetta continues, "We are excited to bring these two major Minnesota legacy seafood teams together to better serve the retail and food service organizations in the Midwest. The Eddie M's Team is excited to welcome the many members of the American Fish team to our expanding seafood family. We think the cultures should be a great fit!" (Eddie M's was founded in 2022 when Mazzetta acquired the processing and distribution business of Morey's Seafood International.)

L.P. "Butch" Bialick, owner and President of AFSI, commented, "This is obviously bittersweet for me, I've been in the seafood business for over 50 years." Bialick, a recognized leader in the seafood business who has led AFSI since 1972, added, "I'm very proud of the business we've built, but what means the most to me are the relationships and loyalty I've experienced from so many employees, customers, and suppliers. I've always believed in giving back to the industry – you support those who support you – and it was important for me to leave my company in the hands of a group that shares that commitment. I believe I found it in Eddie M's."

Max Bialick will become a Vice President at Eddie M's and, amongst other responsibilities, will oversee the AFSI sales team joining Eddie M's. "I look forward to upholding AFSI's tradition of quality and service and integrating it with the strong culture and capability of the Eddie M's team," said Bialick. "I'm excited to help lead the combined company and believe our collaboration will be a win for our customers, employees, and partners. This is an exciting day for the seafood business in Minnesota!"

Mazzetta confirms both Eddie M's and AFSI's current customers can expect the same care and support they've been accustomed to and should soon experience an expanded assortment of products in both Retail and Foodservice. "Our doors are open to all of our customers, and we look forward to working with the American Fish customers and to having them come to visit, to get to know each other and to show them around our house," stated Mazzetta.

## About Eddie M's

Eddie M's is led and owned by seafood industry veteran Jordan Mazzetta. Eddie M's operates a modern fresh and frozen seafood processing and distribution facility with custom processing and packaging capabilities. Eddie M's currently distributes to six states in the Upper Midwest. <a href="https://www.eddiemco.com">www.eddiemco.com</a>

## About American Fish & Seafood

American Fish & Seafood, Inc. was founded in 1929 by the Bialick family. In 1972, L.P. "Butch" Bialick took over as President of the company and guided it on the path of growth and innovation. American has long been an active supporter of the fish and seafood industry nationally and has earned a reputation as a leader in the local foodservice market.