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## FORTUNE FISH AND GOURMET RETURNS SEAFOOD VETERAN BRENT CASPER TO MINNESOTA

(BENSENVILLE; August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020) – Sean J. O'Scannlain, President and CEO of Fortune International is pleased to announce the return of Brent Casper to Minnesota as the Vice President and General Manager of Fortune Minnesota and Missouri.

Casper has been running the Missouri operations of Fortune Fish & Gourmet for the last year and successfully integrated the Morey's of Missouri, Seattle Fish of Missouri and EuroGourmet acquisitions into the Fortune platform. Casper will continue to oversee the Fortune Missouri operations with the additional responsibilities of Fortune Minnesota.

Jon Novak who was formally running Fortune Minnesota, as the Vice President & General Manager of Minnesota, is returning to Fortune's Corporate office in Bensenville. Novak was instrumental in the acquisitions of Coastal Seafoods and Classic Provisions and the overall success of the entire Minnesota business. Novak will work on special projects and the integration of future acquisitions in his new role.

Casper brings over thirty years of seafood industry experience to Fortune Fish & Gourmet. Beginning his seafood career with Burhop's Seafood, Casper then moved to Minnesota to work for Morey's Seafood. He left Morey's to establish The Fish Guys, selling that company in 2005 and working there until 2018. Casper brought all those experiences with him to Missouri to lead the tremendous growth Fortune has had in that market.

"I am thankful for the opportunity to come back to Minnesota and proud of the business and team we have built in Missouri. The strong crew, that Jon built in Minnesota, and I are looking forward to our continued growth during these unprecedented times," says Casper.

"I have known Brent for many years, and I have always been impressed with his talent and passion for the industry. We were excited to add him to our leadership team in 2019, impressed with what he accomplished in Missouri and happy to get him back home to Minnesota," says O'Scannlain.

Brent is a graduate of Moody Bible Institutes and enjoys traveling and skydiving.

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<u>Fortune Fish & Gourmet</u> in Bensenville, IL, Saint Louis, MO, Kansas City, MO, Minneapolis, MN, Bayou La Batre, AL, Birmingham, AL and Picayune, MS, <u>Fortune Imports</u>, <u>Chef Martin's Old World Butcher</u> <u>Shop</u> and <u>Coastal Seafoods retail stores</u>. Fortune Fish & Gourmet is a full-service processor and distributor providing white-tablecloth restaurants, private clubs, elegant hotels and gourmet retail stores with the finest quality fresh, live and frozen seafood and gourmet foods. Fortune handles more than 10,000 seafood and gourmet products, selected to exceed the high standards embraced by their quality focused customer base. Fortune currently services customers throughout the Central United Sates with a fleet of refrigerated vehicles and nationally through FedEx and common carriers. Since 2001, Fortune International has brought innovation to the food business, consistently raising the bar for integrity, quality, sustainability and service.

**Fortune Imports** is a global procurement subsidiary, focused on importing products based on the key principals of ethical, sustainable and superior quality.

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**The Coastal retail stores** are "The Twin City's Best Fish Markets" located in Minneapolis and St. Paul Minnesota.

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