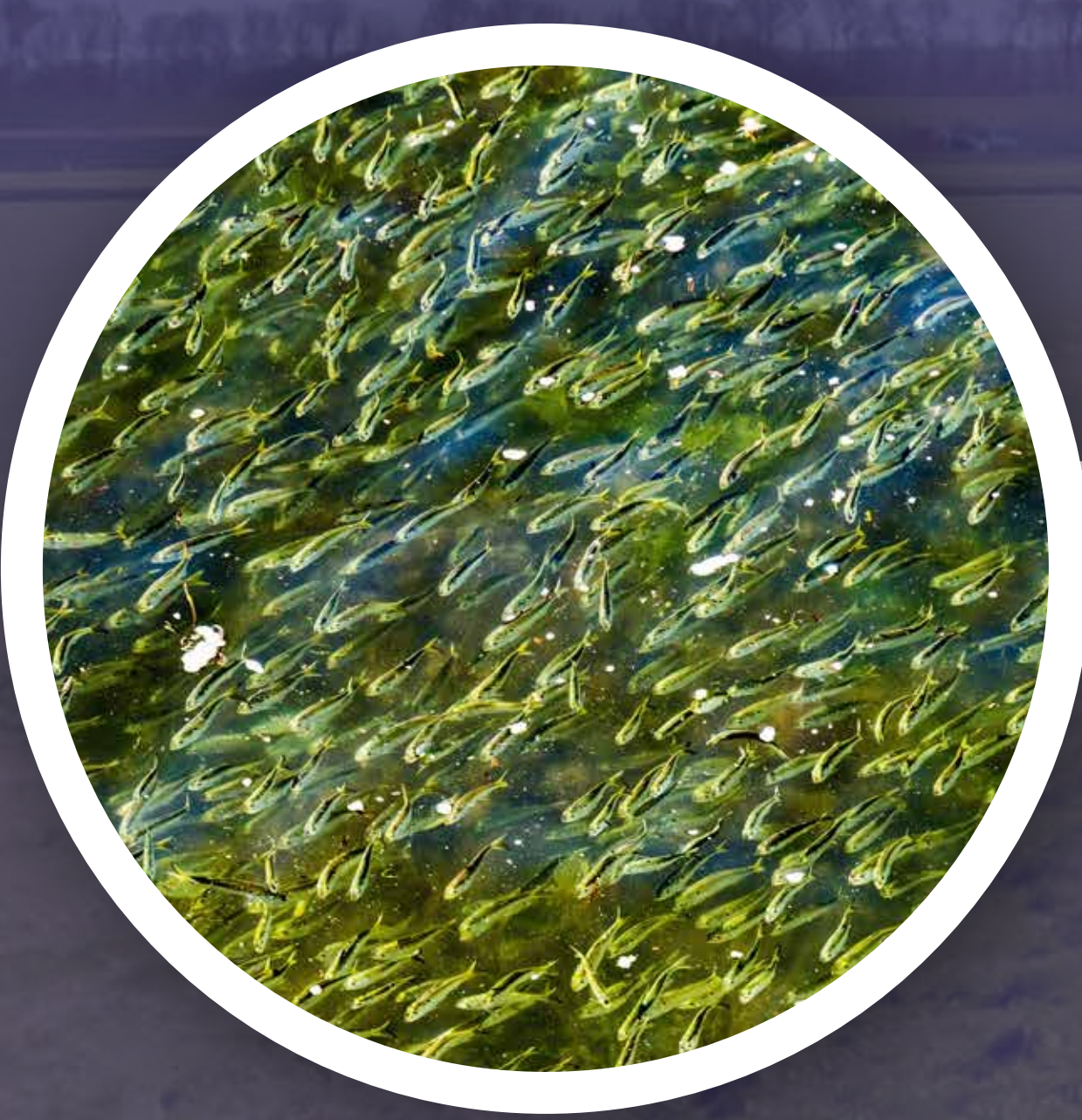# COMMITMENT TO TRACEABILITY

We believe healthy, sustainable ingredients are essential to good health and nutrition, and sourcing quality ingredients is just the responsible thing to do. Throughout our production processes, we monitor and control every step to ensure product integrity, consistent quality, and complete traceability.

MARINE PRODUCTS

SPOTTER PLANES

Spotter Planes are used to assist in navigating boat captains to large schools of menhaden to conserve energy.

HARVEST

We harvest menhaden with a fleet of refrigerated vessels that exclusively harvest fish for Omega Protein. These vessels fish in federally regulated U.S waters along the Atlantic and Gulf coasts. Smaller purse boats are deployed from the mother fishing vessels, carefully surrounding the schools of menhaden, and transferring the fish to the refrigerated fish holds aboard the vessel.

PRODUCTION FACILITIES

The fresh, chilled fish are transported whole to our processing centers where they are immediately prepared for the production process. Menhaden are cooked and pressed with the Omega-3 rich oil sent through the centrifuge process and the solids sent to dryers to produce protein-rich fish meal.

REFINING AND MOLECULAR DISTILLATION

Omega Protein produces several grades of Omega-3 rich menhaden oil. Virginia Prime Gold™, an animal nutritional ingredient, undergoes an extensive refining process to reduce free fatty acids, color and oxidative precursors. OmegActiv and OmegaPure, food grade oil, is purified though combinations of refining, molecular distillation and deodorization to improve flavor and reduce contaminants.

QUALITY CHECK POINTS

Each production lot of fish meal and oil passes a sophisticated system of quality check points assuring the safety and integrity of every product we make.

SHIPPING

Our distribution network is aligned to provide multiple shipment options ranging from short distances to global distribution. Shipment quantity is highly flexible with options ranging from small parcels, rail cars, full truck loads, or bulk vessels.