A REVIEW ON SEAFOODS AND THEIR PRESERVATION TECHNIQUES

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**Abstract**—Sea foods products are highly traded foods and it is a healthy food choice. It is a low-fat protein source which provides long chain omega-3 fatty acids significant for early development along with ear, eye, kidney and heart health. It has been regarded as a good source of various nutritional compounds such as vitamin-D, proteins, PUFA like omega-6, iodine, calcium etc. These are having high water content with neutral pH. Sea food consumption is associated with neurological development during gestation time and childhood and reduce mortality from heart diseases. Due to utilization of aquatic resources and growth of population of humans, it is desirable to efficiently recover proteins, minerals and vitamins from marine foods and marine byproducts. Sea food consumption in worldwide is increasing because of its advances in aquaculture and the presumed nutritional benefits of sea foods products. The fresh foods and marine foods's has increasing overall growth worldwide after drinkable healthy soups and grade third among the various categories of sea food products. Oxidation and microbial growth are the major causes for spoilage of marine food products. Consumption of sea foods prevents many eye related diseases age related cognitive decline. However, benefits may vary by nutrient content in different sea food types like carp, cray, crab, shrimp, eel, etc. So there is a strictly need of studying various food preservation techniques like ozone treatment, Phage treatment, organic treatment, Modified atmospheric packaging technique etc. This review focuses on the preservation techniques and seafood classification which are related with the shelf life of sea food products and helps to prevent safe, nutritive, additive free foods with low level of processing and preservation.

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**I. INTRODUCTION**

Sea foods had been a favorite food for many people. Sea foods are not only tasty, but it also cure various diseases as it is full of nutritious elements. Over the past 30 years, sea food consumption underwent a major choice. In the year 2009, aquaculture and capture fisheries supplied more than 100 million tons of fishery products around the world, approximately 70-75 million tons of which were for human consumption [1]. Seafood consumption is associated with improved neurological development during gestation and childhood and more tenuously linked to reduce mortality from Coronary artery disease. Due to utilization of aquatic resources and growth of population of humans, it is desirable to efficiently recover proteins, minerals and vitamins from marine foods and marine byproducts. Worldwide consumption of sea foods is increasing because of its uses in marine resources and nutritional benefits of sea foods [2]. The fresh foods and marine foods's has increasing overall growth worldwide after drinkable healthy soups and grade third among the various categories of sea food products. Oxidation and microbial growth are the major causes for spoilage of seafood products [3]. Consumption of sea foods prevents many eye related diseases age related cognitive decline. Sea food consumption varied by more than 100- fold between differences of areas of the world as well as between coastal regions of countries. Over the past 15 years, the food security of seafood has been improved due to the technological development in processing, preservation, storage and marketing. So there is a strictly need of studying various food preservation techniques like Ozone treatment, Natural organic treatment, MAP technique, Phage treatment etc. This paper includes a review on introduction to sea foods, classification and preservation techniques which are related with extension of shelf life of sea food products.
II. CLASSIFICATION

Seafood is any form of sea life regarding as food by humans and they divided into three major categories such as Fish, Shellfish and Crustaceans. These categories of seafood has been classified into many types.

1. Anchovy

Anchovy are small, common salt water forage fish which belongs to the family Engraulidae that are used as food for humans. These foods have more nutritional content and valuable for providing high quality of protein better than those of meat products [4]. However, they are most perishable of all of the foods because their suitable medium for growth of microorganisms after death.

2. Bass

Bass (Dicentrarchus labrax) is an economically important fish in the tropical and subtropical regions of Asia and Pacific [5]. Like other fishes, Bass are rich in protein and Omega-3s and are a good source of Phosphorus, Manganese and Vitamin B12.

3. Blue fish

Blue fish (Pomatomus Saltatrix) is a semi fat seafood and more perishable when commercialized in its fresh form and under tropical temperature, it becomes rotten rapidly, so its preservation techniques are need to increase its quality. It is the only extant species of family Pomatomidae and it is a good source of Magnesium and Potassium [6].

4. Carp

Carp (Cyprinus Carpio) are various species of oily freshwater fish which belongs to the family Cyprinidae [7]. These are the great source of many nutritionally important substances particularly Omega-3 fatty acids. These unsaturated acids contribute to increase in prevention of heart attack.

5. Cray fish

Cray fish (Cambarus sp.) are eaten all over the world. Like other Cray fishes, only a small portion of the body of Cray fish is edible [8]. The tail portion of the Cray fish is used for preparing dishes and soups.

6. Char

It is a genus of salmonid fish which belongs to the family Salmonidae. Most of the Char fish may be identified by pink, light cream, red spots in a darker body [9]. These are the good source of forgotten Selenium.

7. Cod

Cod fish (Gadus Morhua) belongs to the family Gadidae. It is a low fat source of protein, making it an excellent choice for people and improve their heart health [10].

8. Flounder

Flounders (Paralichthys dentatus) are a group of flatfish species and they reduce the risk of heart disease [11].

9. Haddock

Haddock (Melanogrammus aeglefinus) is also known as Sea haddock mostly lives in salt water which belongs to the family Gadidae. It slows down the formation of cancer as well as tumors [12]. It lowers the LDL cholesterol.

10. Halibut

Halibut is originated from the regions of North Pacific and Bering sea [13]. It reduces fatigue and enhance immunity.

11. Herring

Herring (Clupea harengus) are forage fish which belongs to the family Clupeidae. It has been a staple food source and the fish is used as eaten raw, fermented, pickled or cured by smoking [14].

12. Salmon

Salmon (Salmo Salar) is the common name of several species of ray finned fish that belongs to the Salmonidae family. It is an oily fish with high content of Omega-3 fatty acids and proteins. [15].

13. Trout

Trout (Oncorhynchus mykiss) are closely related to the fish such as Salmon and Char. It is also a good source of Iodine [16].

14. Tuna

It is a salt water fish that belongs to the Scombridae family. It contains all essential amino acids which is required by the body for maintenance and growth of lean muscle tissue [17].

15. Crab

These are decaped crustaceans of infraorder Brachyura usually hidden entirely under the thorax. Crab meat is a meat which is found within a crab. Crab meat is low in fat and contains around 80KCal per 85g serving [18]. These are delicious seafood that many people enjoy by themselves during a feast or when made into salads, soups, cakes etc. It reduces inflammation and plague in our neural pathways.

16. Lobster

Lobsters are a family of large marine Crustaceans which belongs to the family Nephropidae. It can be eaten as a sandwich filler, or added to dishes like Pasta, egg filler and mashed potatoes [19].

17. Prawn

Prawn is a small aquatic Crustaceans with an exoskeleton and ten legs some of which can be eaten [20]. These are a good source of vitamin B12 and Niacin, that helps our body to produce energy, build muscle and replenish RBC.

18. Shrimp
Shrimps are decomposed Crustaceans with elongated bodies and a primarily swimming mode of location. They play important roles in food source for larger animals ranging from fish to whales [21].

19. Abalone

It is common name for any of the group of small to large marine gastropod molluscs, sea snails that belongs to the family Haliotidae. Abalone not only tastes great, but also an excellent source of many vital nutrients [22]. They can reduce the risk of heart disease.

20. Clams

Clam is a type of shellfish and mostly found in Saltwater. They belongs to the family Veneridae. Clams are a very nutritious food and promote sexual health. They have been found to possess cancer preventing properties [23].

21. Conch

Conch (Strombus gigas) is a common name of number of various medium to big sized sea shells and snails. It belongs to the family Strombidae [24]. Conch meat is consumed marinated, minced raw and cooked in many dishes such as soups, stew, salads and local recipes.

22. Mussels

Mussels (Mytilus edalis) is the common name used for members of several families of bivalve molluscs, and mostly found in salt water. It belongs to the family Unionidae. Mussels contribute to circulate health and energy levels [25]. They improving brain function and reducing inflammatory conditions such as arthritis.

23. Oysters

Oysters are a common name for different families of seawater bivalve molluscs. They are found in marine water [26]. They are low in calories yet looked with nutrients including proteins, fats, vitamins and minerals.

24. Scallops

Scallops are a type of bivalve molluscs, meaning the interior mussel is surrounded by two shells, similarly to oysters, mussels and clams [27]. They promote blood vessel relaxation, enable good blood circulation. and helps blood pressure control.

25. Escargot

Escargot (Helix pomatia) is a dish containing of cooked edible land snails [28]. They boost the immune system due to their antioxidants and anti inflammatory effects and they have anticancer properties.

26. Squid

Squid is generally referrers to a battered and deep-fried appetizer which is served in bars and restaurants through some people use it interchangeably with major ingredients [29].

27. Sturgeon

It is the common name for 27 species of fish type that belongs to the Acipenseridae family. It is a fish famous for its carrier which is considered as one of the world's top three delicacies [30]. It has white meat that is light in color and has no small bones, making it to easy to eat.

28. Eels

Freshwater eels are abundant and greatly valued as food, are of major economic importance [31].It belongs to the family Anguillidae. Eel enhances the development of brain, good eye sight and functions of nervous system.

29. Winkles

Winkle (Littorina littorea) or periwinkle is a species of small edible wher or sea snails that belongs to Littorinidae family. It contributes to our thyroid health, energy needs and nervous system and promotes the growth of children [32].

30. Sardine

Sardine (Sardina Pilchardus) are Pilchard are common names that refers to various small, oily forage fish which belongs to the family Clupeidae. These are an excellent source of EPA and DHA, which are two fatty acids and to reduce inflammation [33].

31. Snappers.

It is important food fish that belongs to the family Lutjanidae. The nutrients in snappers increase the absorption of food to the blood stream and many other organs, leaving you with smooth and healthy digestion and decrease risk of stomach problems [34].

TYPES

i. Cubera snapper
ii. Lane snapper
iii. Mangrove snapper
iv. Queen snapper
v. Red snapper
vi. Vermilion snapper
vii. Yellow tail snapper.

III. BIOACTIVE COMPONENTS DERIVED FROM SEA FOODS

1. PROTEIN, PEPTIDE AND NON PROTEIN NITROGEN COMPOUNDS.

Sea food consumption provides health benefits to growing children and adolescents. There is a possibility that the health function of fish - based foods is not simply related to DHA and EPA. There is a good deal of research that is focused on the efficacy of DHA and EPA in sea food products for human health, whereas there is almost none related to the health effects of vitamins, minerals and proteins...
Sea food proteins possess good amino acid scores and digestible characteristics. They constitute approximately 15-20% of sea foods and it can be classified as myobribrillar, sarcoplasmic and stroma types. In many studies, compared with animal proteins, lowers the highly sensitive C-reactive protein concentration in serum and improved sensitivity of insulin in resistant individuals. Marine bioactive peptides have beneficial effects such as hypoholesterolomia, immunomodulating, and antimicrobial effects. Non proteins nitrogen compounds (NPN) compounds are also present to various extents depending on the species, NPR compounds are composed nucleotides, amino acids, amines and their breakdown products, ammonium salts and urea [36].

2. Phospholipids

Among the seafood products, 10-15% of fats consists of phospholipids. Phospholipids can decrease blood total lipids and improve brain function. As phospholipids derived from marine foods, DHA and EPA, which have a good potential as functional food ingredients are abundant. They have been several human studies that have investigated the effect of supplementation with dietary krill oil, which as contains n-3 PUFA’s (PL) rather than n-3 PUFA’s (TG) [37]. This results shows that krill oil supplementation was tolerated and caused desirable increases in plasma and cell membrane. It has suggested that PL containing n-PUFA’s derived from squid muscle decreased serum and liver TG cholesterol levels compared with that induced by soybean PL or TG containing n-3 PUFA’s.

3. n-3 PUFA’s

The beneficial effects of seafoods have primarily been attributed to n-3 PUFA’s such as DHA and EPA. Marine organisms have been identified as the foods that contain more amount of the fatty acids. The proportion of n-3 PUFA’s in muscles of fish is higher in fatty fish such as herring and salmon than in lean fish such as cod and haddock. Shell fish such as shrimp, crab and lobster have small amount of n-3 PUFA’s. In a marine model of insulin resistance and obesity, dietary n-3 PUFA’s were incorporated in the phospholipids; it enhanced the membrane affinity and fluidity and some of insulin receptors as well as glucose transporters protein levels in adipose tissue [38]. In addition n-3PUFA’s have been good beneficial effects on adipose tissue in obese individuals through reduced body fat mass and oxidation of lipids, body weight improvement, inflammation, rheumatoid arthritis, Crohn’s disease and immunoglobulin.

4. Taurine

Taurine (2-amino ethane sulfonic acid) is present in all tissues. It is particularly abundant in blood, brain and heart. Taurine’s synthetic activity is weaker than in guinea-pigs and rats. It is a non essential but conditionally essential amino acids present in our human body. It has many important roles in essential biological process such as bile acid conjugation, calcium modulation, immunity and membrane stabilization [39]. It has beneficial anti-hypercholesteronic, antihypertensive and anti-inflammatory effects on life style related diseases.

5. Carotenoids.

These are fat soluble and they have brilliant yellow and orange pigments. One of the most important biological functions of carotenoids such as beta carotene in human body is their ability to form vitamin A. Other carotenoids such as astaxanthin, lycopene and fucoxanthin do not forms vitamin A. Fu coxanthin is a carotenoid which is in orange color found in edible brown seaweeds. It prevents the growth of fat tissue, reduces abdominal fat and reduces abdominal fat and reduces the risk of stroke, cancers and inflammations [40].

6. Fibers

Seafood contains small amount of carbohydrate and fiber content. Edible seaweed contains a low dietary fiber and water soluble fiber constitutes 60-80% [41]. Seaweeds are classified into three main groups, Red seaweeds have phyocyanin, contains agars and carrageenans as the primary polysaccharides. Green seaweeds are green due to the presence of chlorophyll, which is a major polysaccharide components. Brown seaweeds have primary polysaccharides such as cellulose, fucans and alginates. In animal studies, polysaccharides extracted from different edible seaweeds have to reduce LDL cholesterol and in plasma.

IV. PRESERVATION TECHNIQUES

1. OZONE TREATMENT

Ozone treatment is one of the most powerful oxidizing and sanitizing treatments. It is either by gaseous form or dissolved form. It oxidize many cellular components leading to leakage of membrane and call death, it has more antibiotic activity which requires short contact times and it takes place at the level of aquaculture and marine reesources. For an example, applying 0.07 mg/L of ozone by directly to marine water, Prawn hatcheries has been shown to allow the survival of prawn, but eliminate pathogenic vibrios. Generally, seafood spoilage based on several metrics including level of bacteria and gases produced from seafood breakdown such as Trimethylamine Nitrogen (TVB-N), Total Viable Nitrogen (TVN-N) Total Volatile Acid (TVA) [42]. These methods are equivalent, but each has a high level of consensus when the seafood product is spoiled.

Advantages:

O$_3$ increases the shelf life of seafood products. O$_3$ reduces the l contamination of fish as well as formation of volatile N$_2$ compounds. It do not produce any toxic residue.

2. PHAGE TREATMENT

Two different phage groups have shown promise to control the bacteria Vibrio.parahaemolyticus in raw oysters: a siproviridae phage VPp1a and pVP-1 isolated from these bacteria. In this technique, Depuration process is used to
treated the foods. Depuration is a control process. Before feeding, Molluscs are held in potable water that has been treated with Ultra violet light, Ozone, Chlorine, for 1-2 hrs. This method is effective in removing coliform counts. While it is carried out at minimum temperature and for a period of days, Depuration is not effective to protect against vibrios. However, Depuration in the presence of VPp1a phage was able to reduce the bacteria *Vibrio.parahaemolyticus* concentrations by 2.32-2.81 log CFU/g at 15-18°C for 3 days. The pVP-1 phage was investigated for its ability to eliminate the bacterial contamination as applied directly to contaminated oyster meat. Both application strategies resulted in decreases in *Vibrio.parahaemolyticus* population, bath immersion treatment is used to reduce the bacterial counts from 8.8×10⁵ CFU/g after 3 days. Although, direct application of phage to contaminated meat almost eliminated contamination within 11 hr at 15-19°C, with 1.66×10⁵ CFU/g in the treated samples. Although, sea foods present multiple challenges for this treatment, the large surface area, when applied on in shell oysters, short contact time bacterial targets and phage particles [43].

3. NATURAL ORGANIC TREATMENT

Seafoods are preserved naturally by adding organic acids, essential oils and tea polyphenols. It has been suggested to extend shelf life and maintains a synthetic preservative free marketing status. Essential oils such as oregano, thyme, turmeric and shallots have been shown to decrease the non-pathogenic spoilage bacteria levels in seafood products. A variety of polyphenols includin epigallocatechin gallate (EGCG), Catechins, epicatechin gallate, epigallocatechin and epicatechin. These polyphenols can be extracted from tea and have been shown to have antioxidants and antimicrobial properties. For example, Shrimp in a 0.02% of catechin solution for 12-15 minutes slowed the growth of bacterial spoilage, reduced the count of Enterobacteriaceae. It had other quality enriching effects on the Prawn such as melanosis and reducing lipid oxidation. In this treatment, Dipping of dried-seasonal jumbo squid in a mixed tea phenol solution also showed a protective against loss of moisture, lipid oxidation and spoilage of bacteria. This treatment has shown to have a synergistic effect when combined with ozone treatment to extend its shelf life and reduce lipid oxidation. Citric acid have been shown to reduce growth of spoilage organisms in fresh shucked oyster sample; in addition, dipping treatments of oysters in citric acid showed a reduction of potentially pathogenic *Vibrio.vulnificus* below the deduction level of 2log/g from artificially inoculated concentrations of 5 log/g [44].

4. HIGH PRESSURE PROCESSING

This treatment is used at a range at 200 to 700 Mpa, as an alternative to Thermal processing. Particular attention has been paid to the ability of High Pressure Processing to reduce *Vibrio parahaemolyticus* and *Vibrio vulnificus* in oyster samples. Considerable differences in pressure resistance between *V.parahaemolyticus* is difficult. Differences of log reductions in *V.parahaemolyticus* is based on several processing temperature and time and whether a whole shelled reductions, pressure and processing time, HPP appears to be more effective against *V.parahaemolyticus* when carried out 2.0°C from 20°C, the processing time can be lowered from 15 to 10 minutes and the pressure can be lowered to 200 Mpa from 300 Mpa without a loss in log reduction. The storage temperatures of seafood prior to HPP do not appear to affect resistance of *V. parahaemolyticus* to HPP. However, cold storage may increases the resistance of *Vibro.vulnificus* to this treatment by increases the PUFA % in the cell membrane. After HPP treatment, post-HPP cold storage has been shown to cause additional reductions in cell number, which may occurs due to the inhibition of recovery of sub-lethally injured cells. This preservation technique is also used in Ham and rice products [45].

Advantages:

- Easier and higher yield shucking and extraction of meat and fish products. Freshness of products and increase shelf life.
- Effective elimination of spoilage and pathogenic microorganisms. No impact on sensory, nutritional or functional properties.

Limitations

- Increased metal fatigue, high cost equipment, long cycle terms.

5. MODIFIED ATMOSPHERIC PACKAGING [MAP]

A proportion of CO₂ in thid treatment for marine products, above 25% and typically around 60%, is effective in inhibiting the growth of aerobic bacteria. When carbon dioxide dissolves in water, it creates a weak acidic solution and the bacterial growth will slowly. O₂ also helps to preserve the color of the fish products. However, to avoid rancidity in fatty fish, O₂ is not required. Seafoods such as shrimp and prawns are packaged in an atmosphere, typically contains nitrogen and CO₂. Under refrigerated conditions, shelf life of seafoods can be increased. This technique is also used fruits and vegetables, meat and poultry products etc., [46].

6. IRRADIATION

It is an oldest food preservation technique. Irradiation of food products has become an emerging technology with promising features to enhance the shelf life of many food products. It offers several characteristics including direct inactivation of organisms in typically frozen foods. The use of gamma irradiation and Xrays is to eliminate pathogenic strains of bacteria such as vibrios in oysters. It is popular alternative to thermal treatment [47]. This mechanism involves irradiation with high energy radiation leads to the breakdown of chemical bond and form free radicals an ions in microorganism, which leads their destruction. Its dosage rate is 2-8kGy. In seafood products, we use the dosage levels of 3kGy.

7. ULTRASOUND PRESERVATION
Ultra sound preservation is composed of mechanical sound waves which is originate from molecular movements that oscillate in a propagation medium. These are similar to sound waves but, having a frequency above 16kHz, cannot be deduced by the human ear. It produce intracellular cavitations, due to micro mechanical shock. It disrupts the cellular structural and functional components. This method is commonly used in fruit juices, dairy products and Sausages. The application of ultrasound have beneficial effects on different seafood process. Ultrasound waves; accelerating the heat transfer from the fluid to be gas,Cell destruction. Enzyme inactivation and drying filtration is used in cleaning surfaces, also; mixing and grinding process, the emulsification of fats and oils, to accelerate the freezing process, curing of fish and cleaning of homogenization. [48].

Limitations

Complex mode of action, Undesirable sensory changes, High energy consumption, Long treatment times.

V. CONCLUSION

Seafood preservation is a very important aspect of the fisheries. Here, we have presented a review of seafood classification and preservation techniques. Seafoods are the best sources of excellent proteins, vitamins, minerals and fats. This is evidence that the bioactive components derived from seafoods could have a good impact of the health of people around the world. Food preservation techniques extend shelf life of the products, while maintaining food quality and safety.

VI. REFERENCE


