

# New Owner Nets Big Fish

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Imbibers look for a refill at The House of Big Fish and Cold BeerPhoto by Jody Tiongco.

Jim Walker and Louie Feinstein, owners of The Bungalow restaurant in Corona del Mar, say they acquired of The House of Big Fish and Ice Cold Beer and will rename the popular Laguna Beach restaurant Big Fish Tavern effective Nov. 1.

The deal announced Thursday, Oct. 9, saves the planned closure of the restaurant, which was previously owned by Casa Resorts Inc., operators of hotel properties in Anaheim and Laguna Beach. Casa Resorts planned to close the restaurant that has 50 employees sometime this month.

“We are excited to have the opportunity to add Big Fish Tavern to our restaurant portfolio and look forward to continuing to serve this innovative casual seafood menu to both the residents of Laguna Beach as well as visiting tourists during the summer season,” Walker and Feinstein said in a joint statement. “We’ve always admired this neighborhood-friendly, unique seafood concept and are exploring several ideas to make the restaurant even more inviting and offer a more memorable dining experience over the next few months under the new name Big Fish Tavern.”

This is their second restaurant venture by the partners in Big Fish Tavern LLC, who together have more than 70 years of restaurant operations experience between them.

Walker and Feinstein plan to update the signage, interior décor and patio, as well as adding a new craft cocktail menu and plan some additional menu options.