



Aquaculture – August 2021 news alert (sent by email 2 September 2021)

This Seafish aquaculture industry news e-alert covers news items, legislation and reports.

Aquaculture Common Issues Group meetings

The minutes and presentations from all the meetings are on the [website](#).

Resources, policy and funding

Fisheries and Seafood Scheme funding rounds open for applications (25 August 2021. Closing date for applications is 6 October 2021)

The Marine Management Organisation (MMO) has opened four funding rounds for applications to help support the fishing and seafood sector in England. The grants will match fund projects in four areas: to support businesses trading in Live Bivalve Molluscs (LBMs); to contribute towards protecting the marine environment; to deliver world class science and technological advancements; and support or enhance the recreational sea fishing sector.

Changes to health certificates for seafood exports to the EU (10 August 2021)

New health certification rules for seafood exporters in Great Britain (GB) exporting to the European Union were due to be introduced from 21 August 2021. The EU has delayed the introduction of these new export health certificates (EHCs) until 15 January 2022. This is most relevant to aquaculture businesses, or businesses exporting aquaculture products. Some species, such as Pacific oysters, European flat oysters and salmon, are affected more than others. If you currently export using EHC numbers 8249 or 8270 the changes will affect your business.

Aquaculture review underway in Scotland (6 August 2021)

An independent review of how fish farms are regulated is underway in a move to make Scottish aquaculture legislation one of the most effective and transparent in the world. Professor Russel Griggs OBE has been appointed to lead the first phase of the review.

Government seeks views on compensatory measures for development impacts on Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) (22 July 2021. Closes 30 September 2021)

Government has opened a 10-week consultation on best practice guidance for developers working within the UK's network of MPAs. They seek views on approaches to compensation, what it should involve, how it could be carried out, and the role of 'Net Gain'.

Reports

Twinning aquaculture with marine conservation (16 August 2021)

The International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) is publishing a worldwide collection of case studies that provide concrete illustrations of how aquaculture can be part of Marine Protected Areas (MPAs), sharing conservation objectives with the community while outlining critical issues that should be explored on a case-by-case basis. Three new case studies have just been published.

News

Aquaculture Stewardship Council (ASC) launches two consultations: on the [feed standard](#) and the [welfare of farmed fish](#)

1 September 2021. Both consultations close on 31 October 2021.

The ASC is seeking views on proposed documents that will accompany the recently published ASC Feed Standard for feed mills; as well as on their recommendations on revised fish welfare indicators.

[Funding for wrasse vaccination research](#) (31 August 2021)

A consortium led by the University of Stirling's Institute of Aquaculture and the salmon producer Mowi has been awarded funding for a project that aims to optimise the formulation and delivery of a key vaccination given to protect ballan wrasse from disease. This could unlock the greater use of cleaner fish to control sea lice on salmon farms.

[Leading EU organisations partner to create the most sustainable salmon of the future](#) (23 August 2021)

Nofima, InnovaFeed, Corbion Algae Ingredients, Cargill, SINTEF Ocean and Auchan will collaborate to accelerate innovation and optimise insect and algae-based omega-3 ingredients in salmon aquafeeds.

[Milestone for native oyster restoration initiative](#) (10 August 2021)

The 20,000th native European oyster has been released into the Dornoch Firth. This is a significant milestone in the Dornoch Environmental Enhancement Project (DEEP), focused on restoring a sustainable native oyster reef.

[Europe's largest native oyster restocking programme launched on World Oyster Day](#) (8 August 2021)

Oyster farmer and marine biologist Dr Andy Woolmer of Mumbles Oyster Company has teamed up with Kelsey Thompson of Morecambe Bay Oysters' shellfish hatchery to restock historic oyster beds off Mumbles in Swansea Bay with 4 million juvenile native oysters.

Events and key dates

[Free webinar. Aquaculture in the UK](#). Tuesday 26 October 2021 from 11am to 1pm BST.

This online event, organized by the All Party Parliamentary Group on Fisheries and Seafood 2040, will consider how the aquaculture sector within each of the UK's four nations can develop in an effective and sustainable manner, and the role of government, legislators, and the industry within this development.

[Free webinar. Plastics in aquaculture: a responsible management approach](#). Thursday 23 September 2021 from 2.30pm to 3.30pm BST.

This online event, organized by the Sustainable Aquaculture Innovation Centre (SAIC) and RS Standards Ltd, will cover the Responsible Plastic Management (RPM) Program and how it can benefit aquaculture organisations.

5 – 8 October 2021. [Aquaculture Europe 2021](#). Madeira, Portugal.

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