

Aquaculture news alert (sent by email 12 May 2015)

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

Follow up to ACIG meeting

All the presentations from the Aquaculture Common Issues Group meeting at Friends House on 15 April have now been added to the [website](#) (and below) and the minutes will follow in the next update.

Matters arising from the ACIG meeting:

- [The Commission review of the 2009-2015 RBMPs gives info on what other Member States are doing](#)
- The 46th Annual Conference SAGB Dinner and AGM is at Fishmongers' Hall, London on 19 and 20 May 2015. The Programme and Booking Forms are available to download from <http://tinyurl.com/sagbdropbox> or can be emailed on request by contacting Claire at Projects@Shellfish.Org.UK
- [A review of the services provided by Seafish in relation to the UK aquaculture industry](#)
- Sustainable development of aquaculture in the context of WFD and MSFD implementation. CEFAS Report 1 and CEFAS Report 2
- [The Marine Information System \(MIS\)](#)
- [MMO guidance to EFF/EMFF funding](#)

Presentations from April 2015 ACIG meeting:

[Focus on trout - British Trout Association](#)

[Ongoing work on norovirus - Cefas](#)

[WFD/RBMP's. text alerts and Gigas - SAGB](#)

[Seafish Domestic Aquaculture Strategy](#)

[Sustainable development of aquaculture in tangent with WFD and MSFD - Cefas](#)

[Aquaculture in marine plans - MMO](#)

[Planning for a sustainable aquaculture industry - BBSRC/NERC](#)

[RAS turbot farm in Portland - Landfish/Cefas](#)

[North Devon Aquaculture Centre feasibility study - ABPmer](#)

Seafish funding guides

Seafish's [Aquaculture Funding Guidance sheets](#) are a series of datasheets which have been produced to provide information and help the aquaculture industry in finding potential aquaculture funding streams, both European and national. The guides contain information on the issues relevant to securing aquaculture funding sources here in the UK. Each guide contains a fund synopsis, information on the funds purpose, grant details and eligibility, as well as useful information websites and contacts. There are currently Aquaculture Funding Guides for 17 funding streams; 13 from Europe, and 4 from within the UK.

Consultations/reviews

European Parliament Register: Answer to written question on The shellfish industry in Ireland. 4 May 2015. Source: DODs

Q. High temperatures last summer resulted in a late and extensive autumn bloom of the most common naturally occurring marine biotoxin, dynophysis – generally known as ‘red tide’. The causes of the closure are not disputed. Can the Commission give details of the EU aid available to these shellfish farmers from the European Fisheries Fund and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund?

Answer. Both the European Fisheries Fund (EFF)(1) and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (EMFF)(2) may support compensation to mollusc farmers for the temporary suspension of harvesting of farmed molluscs. Articles 31 of the EFF and 55 of the EMFF set the specific conditions under which this compensation may be granted. It is for each Member State to decide on the use of these funds and the inclusion of such measures in their operational programme. The Irish EFF Operational Programme for 2007-2013 does not include this possible support amongst the measures to be co-financed by the fund.

Seafish comments on FSA advice on scallops 2 April 2015.

Seafish were involved with the FSA in developing guidance on an acceptable and effective method of shucking scallops to reduce the level of algal toxins to a safe level.

Certification

ASC, GAA and GLOBALG.A.P. Pilot Combined Audit Checklists 22 April 2015.

To increase audit efficiency, three leading aquaculture certification programmes, ASC, BAP and GLOBALG.A.P. have now drafted and agreed combined checklists for farms that seek more than one certificate. A combined checklist minimises duplication of audit points between schemes and will comprise all the audit points of one standard supplemented by specific add-on clauses for the other standard(s). A farm that seeks multiple certifications can select any one of the three programmes as the primary standard and then select the desired add-on(s). If a farm proves to be compliant with the schemes’ standards it may be able to gain two certificates (or later even three) through this process. Combined audits for ASC and GLOBALG.A.P. covering shrimp, salmon and pangasius; for GLOBALG.A.P. and BAP covering finfish and crustaceans; and for ASC and BAP covering pangasius, will be available for piloting from 22 April and, if successful, they can lead to farms obtaining multiple certificates. Other species are likely to be considered after the pilots have been evaluated and other combined pilot audits will be available soon.

Marine Harvest’s salmon farm gets first ASC stamp in the UK 2 April 2015.

Marine Harvest’s Loch Leven salmon farm in Lochaber, in the United Kingdom, became the first salmon farm in the UK to achieve accreditation recently. In 2013 Marine Harvest signed up to meet ASC in all its operations across the world. It is committed to achieving this by 2020. The Loch Leven salmon farm is run by a team of eight staff who grow salmon weighing up to 2,655 tonnes in a twenty-month period.

New BAP Site Features Certified Facilities Search Map 31 March 2015.

The highlight of the new Best Aquaculture Practices website is the search and map functionality for the list of more than 700 BAP-certified farms, hatcheries, feed mills, processing plants and repackaging plants.

First oyster farm certified against ASC standard 30 March 2015.

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The Jersey Oyster Company has become the first oyster farm in the world to meet the Aquaculture Stewardship Council (ASC) standard for responsible bivalve aquaculture. Two additional oyster farms in Jersey, Seymour Oyster Company and Jersey Sea Farms, are also awaiting the outcome of their assessments. The Jersey Oyster Company has been producing Pacific Oysters for over forty years. The oysters are grown from seed obtained from on-shore hatcheries and are supported by the daily natural filtering effect of the tide.

Reports/brochures/web sites/presentations

[May/June 2015. Global Advocate Alliance](#)

[Globefish](#)

[Tilapia April 2015](#)

[The Grower April 2015](#)

General news

[London Home to UK's First Commercial Urban Aquaponics Farm](#) 17 April 2015

After receiving planning permission, a London warehouse will soon become home to the UK's first commercial aquaponic farm, creating sustainable a pioneering new model for sustainable, ethical food production in cities. The revolutionary farm will use aquaculture and hydroponic technology to produce more than 20,000kg of sustainable salads and herbs (enough for 200,000 salad bags) and 4,000kg of fish each year, with first harvests predicted for September. GrowUp Urban Farms has been given the green light to start building the farming system after receiving planning permission from the London Borough of Newham this week.

Events in 2015

19-20 May 2015 **SAGB Conference**, London

SAGB now has a **[Facebook group](#)** which can be visited and 'Liked' and bookings for the conference can be made by downloading the booking forms that are now available **[online](#)** For the programme **[see](#)**

26-30 May 2015 **World Aquaculture 2015**, Jeju Island, South Korea

<http://www.marevent.com/WA2015Korea.html>

<https://www.was.org/meetings/default.aspx?code=WA2015>

7-9 June **Aquavision**, Stavanger, Norway

<http://tradeshaw.tradekey.com/aquavision-e696.htm>

18-21 August **Aqua Nor**, Norway

<http://www.nor-fishing.no/aqua-nor-2015/>

5-9 September **World Seafood Congress 2015**, Grimsby

<http://wsc2015.com/>

28-30 September **IFFO 2015 Annual Conference**, Berlin, Germany

<http://www.iffonet>

11-14 October **5th International Symposium on Stock Enhancement and Sea Ranching**. Sydney, Australia.

<http://www.searanching.org/>

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20-23 October **Aquaculture Europe 2015**, Rotterdam, Netherlands
http://www.marevent.com/AE15_ROTTERDAM.html

22-23 Oct 2015 **ASSG Annual Conference**, Oban
<http://assg.org.uk/>

Monthly fishmeal news alert

There is also a monthly Seafish fishmeal industry news e-alert covering news items, legislation and reports. To be added to the mailing list email E: k_green@seafish.co.uk

Seafood Ethics Common Language Group (Seafood Ethics CLG)

Seafish has set up a seafood ethics working group to keep track of ethical issues affecting the seafood supply chain and to encourage dialogue and collaborative action across the UK supply chain. The main outputs will be communicated but if you would like to be added to this mailing list for news updates E: k_green@seafish.co.uk

See:

- **Seafish aquaculture web page:** <http://www.seafish.org/industry-support/aquaculture>
- **For guides and information see:** <http://www.seafish.org/industry-support/aquaculture/aquaculture-support/guides-and-information>
- **For the Aquaculture Common Issues Group minutes and presentations see:** <http://www.seafish.org/industry-support/aquaculture/aquaculture-groups/aquaculture-common-issues-group>
- **Fishmeal news:** <http://www.seafish.org/industry-support/aquaculture/aquaculture-support/fishmeal-and-fishoil>

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