



Aquaculture – May 2022 news alert (sent by email 17 May 2022)

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](#).

Funding and policy news

Second round of applications is open for Marine Scotland Fund (13 May 2022)

A new round of funding to support marine businesses in Scotland has been opened for applications. The Marine Fund Scotland has an overall budget of up to £14m to support fishing, aquaculture and wider marine organisations in coastal communities.

BBSRC Business and Academia Prosperity Partnership funding of £11 million (3 May 2022. Closing date for applications is 8 September 2022)

The Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council (BBSRC) is inviting applications for funding to support established research partnerships between business and academic institutions.

Innovate UK Smart Grants (25 April 2022. Closing date is 27 July 2022)

UK registered organisations can apply for a share of up to £25 million for game-changing and commercially viable R&D innovation that can significantly impact the UK economy. This funding is from Innovate UK, part of UK Research and Innovation.

UK Seafood Fund (UK SF): Infrastructure Scheme fund open (Closing date for applications has been extended to 14 June 2022)

This is a first call to access the initial tranche of the total £65 million UKSF Infrastructure fund. The scheme will fund projects that build capacity across the UK fishing sector supply chain through investment in ports, processing and aquaculture infrastructure.

UK SF Skills and Training Scheme (bids open in summer 2022)

The Skills and Training Scheme will provide a one-off fund of up to £10 million to improve training in the seafood industry, including the catching, processing and aquaculture sectors.

UK SF Infrastructure Scheme – Call for Assessors (please register your interest by 27 May 2022)

The UK SF Infrastructure Scheme is looking for economists, social scientists, environmental scientists, and industry experts, available in July, to assist in the evaluation of Scheme applications being submitted to the Scheme. Assessors will be remunerated and will only carry out assessments in their areas of expertise.

Resources

[More than fish - framing aquatic animals within sustainable food systems](#) (13 May 2022)

This scientific paper suggests that food systems researchers and policymakers adapt current methods and theoretical frameworks to appropriately put aquatic animals in broader food systems into context.

[AquaSpark In-Depth 96-Page Report About The Transformative Power of Digital Aquatech](#) (April 2022)

This report provides an overview of the digital aquatech investment landscape, a series of inspiring interviews with CEOs of Aqua-Spark's digital aquatech portfolio companies, and a set of in-depth chapters on different segments of digital aquaculture technology.

[Report and recordings from Global Conference on Aquaculture Millennium +20](#) (May 2022)

The theme was 'Aquaculture for food and sustainable development'.

News and views

[Scottish Aquaculture Apprenticeship Standards Review update](#) (10 May 2022)

Lantra are currently working on framework documentation and new aquaculture qualifications. The aim is that by summer 2022, the reviewed Scottish Aquaculture Apprenticeship Standards gain approval by the Apprenticeship Approval Group, with new apprenticeships available for early 2023.

[BioMar to trial single cell protein in salmon feeds](#) (10 May 2022)

Deep Branch and BioMar have signed a long-term technical and commercial partnership to optimise salmon feed using Proton, a single cell protein developed by Deep Branch for the feed industry, as a primary protein source. Both Deep Branch and BioMar are part of the UKRI funded, [REACT-FIRST](https://deepbranch.com/react-first/) consortium.

[Announcements at Aquaculture UK event](#) (3 May 2022)

Two new groups have been formed: an Aquaculture Strategy Forum (to deliver the recommendations made by the Griggs Report on the current regulatory framework for Scottish aquaculture; and a task force to speed up the [aquaculture consenting system](#). This includes making a change to the marine licence validity period for finfish and shellfish farms from six to 25 years in Scotland.

[SAMS opens the first-ever Seaweed Academy and an algae-focused lab in Scotland](#) (29 April 2022)

The Scottish Association for Marine Science (SAMS) has opened the Seaweed Academy in Oban to advise start-ups, train workers and share research for business development.

[Collaboration to raise profile of European Aquaculture](#) (27 April 2022)

The Aquaculture Stewardship Council (ASC) and the Federation of European Aquaculture Producers (FEAP) are joining forces to improve the aquaculture sector in Europe and ensure it is better recognised at a political level.

[ASC broadens reach of programme with two new updates](#) (25 April 2022)

The ASC has published a revised ASC Shrimp Standard, as well as new requirements specifically for Recirculating Aquaculture System (RAS) farms.

[Multi-million funding for new 'terrestrial blue economy' research](#) (22 April 2022)

A new research project, designed to unlock the true potential of sustainable shrimp production in the UK using renewable energy technology, has received £2 million from UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) to co-locate shrimp farming production with renewable energy sources across a number of existing Anaerobic Digester (AD) plants in the UK.

[Nomad Foods launches collaborative initiative to increase consumption of bivalves](#) (19 April 2022)

Nomad Foods Ltd has partnered with innovation network Innoget to launch an “Open Innovation Portal” where innovators share new solutions that could be scaled up to support more sustainable diets.

Get involved

[Seaweed Innovation in the UK – Webinar and Networking](#). Thursday 19 May 2022. 10.00am to 1.00pm.

Join Innovate UK KTN, IBioIC and Scottish Enterprise to talk about key challenge areas and determine how collaborative research and innovation can help develop the seaweed industry.

[Workshop focusing on seafood in the UK diet: nurturing individual, community and planetary health](#). 23 to 24 June 2022. University of Stirling.

The event will be short accessible presentations and panels focused on the key issues, interspersed with networking opportunities.

[Global Shrimp Forum first meeting](#) (6 - 8 September 2022)

The first ever Global Shrimp Forum will take place on 6 - 8 September 2022 in Utrecht, the Netherlands. The Forum is the warm water shrimp industry's first dedicated annual conference and business meeting, aiming to drive the shrimp industry towards a resilient and sustainable future.

Seafish further information

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- [Seafish aquaculture web page](#)
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