



Aquaculture Common Issues Group – Terms of Reference

The Seafish Aquaculture Common Issues Group (ACIG) is an amalgam of interested parties drawn together to develop consensus positions on a range of important issues affecting the finfish and shellfish aquaculture industry.

The ACIG provides a forum to address ethical, environmental and sustainability challenges to aquaculture. Such challenges could include minimising impact on the environment; making the best use of locally available resources; making the right choices as far as labour rights in the third world; complying with national legislation and ensuring the best use of feed and therapeutic products.

The aim is to establish a baseline understanding of the underpinning principles and then to build as high a level of agreement as possible, particularly as this relates to responsible, sustainable sourcing of seafood.

Outputs could include: the provision of impartial information; the creation of a better understanding of diverse opinions; a common reference point for information; better representation; the creation of a platform for industry understanding; as well as provide up-to-date news and fact sheets.

Membership of the group is fairly loose but it should include representation from the main producers associations (British Trout Association, Scottish Salmon Producers Organisation, Shellfish Association of Great Britain, Association of Scottish Shellfish Producers, British Marine Finfish Association), food and fish feed processors (focusing on those businesses that utilise farmed materials), retailers, environmental NGOs (typically WWF, Marine Conservation Society and the Soil Association), Crown Estates, Government Departments and regional development organisations, as well as Seafish.

Those attending meetings can be seen in the respective minutes.

Sea Fish Industry Authority - Industry Meeting Disclaimer Statement

[The Sea Fish Industry Authority (“**Seafish**”) has facilitated this meeting for the purpose of convening the Aquaculture Common Issues Group. Discussions at this meeting should be conducted in accordance with the Discussion Guidelines, which have been provided to attendees in advance of this meeting.

[The attendees acknowledge that the role of Seafish is to act as a neutral facilitator of discussions. Seafish does not take ownership of, or responsibility for, any individual or collective decision that may be made and/or agreed between attendees of this meeting.] Unless expressly confirmed by Seafish in writing, any decision made as a result of the discussions at this meeting is not condoned or agreed to by Seafish.

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