

## Aquaculture news alert (sent by email 1 February 2012)

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### Seafish news

- **Aquaculture Common Issues Group. The next meeting is Thursday 15 March 2012. Draft agenda to be issued this week. Contact [k\\_green@seafish.co.uk](mailto:k_green@seafish.co.uk)  
See: <http://www.seafish.org/aquaculture/aquaculture-common-issues-group->**
- **Feed fish and fishmeal news.** The fishmeal dossier 2011/2012 is currently under peer review. For fishmeal news see: <http://www.seafish.org/aquaculture/fishmeal-and-fish-oil>
- **Seafish tender - Seafish invites applicants for feasibility study into bulk uses (including fishmeal) for discarded fish.** Closing date for applications is 15 February 2012. Project to be completed by 13 April 2012. See: [http://www.seafish.org/media/558670/seafishtender\\_discardsinbulkoutletsnotforhumanconsumption\\_201201](http://www.seafish.org/media/558670/seafishtender_discardsinbulkoutletsnotforhumanconsumption_201201)

### CONSULTATIONS

**Defra launches industry led non-formal consultation on Aquaculture in England: Planning for sustainable growth in the English Aquaculture industry.** 12 January 2011.

Defra is inviting views on planning for sustainable growth in the English Aquaculture industry. This innovative consultation has been written by an industry group, representing the aquaculture industry in England, and seeks to identify how the industry can grow in England. Defra is running the consultation on behalf of the industry. The closing date for responses is **8<sup>th</sup> March 2012**.

[www.defra.gov.uk/consult/2012/01/12/aquaculture-1201/](http://www.defra.gov.uk/consult/2012/01/12/aquaculture-1201/)

**Aquaculture and Fisheries Bill - Consultation Document (Scotland).** Dec 2011.

Consultation on proposals to introduce new legislation on improving management measures for farmed fish, including proposals to: Update enforcement provisions, including those relating to sea fisheries, and the application of EU restrictions and obligations; Make minor revisions to fisheries legislation; Review aspects of management arrangements for wild salmon and freshwater fisheries

The consultation runs until **2 March 2012**.

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2011/12/06081229/0>

**Call for feedback on CMO reform proposals.** January 2012.

Euro MP Struan Stevenson has issued a call for feedback on the final draft of his report to the European Commission on CMO reform. The report is divided into 12 sections, making recommendations to the European Commission. Those that could cover aquaculture include: the creation of POs, aquaculture POs, inter-branch organisations,

transnational POs and associations of POs; utilising modern technology to improve market intelligence; consumer information on labels; maintaining a level playing-field between EU fisheries products and products imported from outside the EU; marketing standards; the role of the CMO in the expansion of a successful EU fish-farming sector; the role of Regional Advisory Councils. Closing date for responses is **16 February 2012**.

See: [http://www.struanstevenson.com/parliamentary-work/report/Common\\_Fisheries\\_Policy\\_CMO\\_Reform/](http://www.struanstevenson.com/parliamentary-work/report/Common_Fisheries_Policy_CMO_Reform/)

### **UK Aquaculture Forum**

The next meeting is to be held in Belfast on 20 and 21 February 2012. For further information contact [ann.moffat@scotland.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:ann.moffat@scotland.gsi.gov.uk)  
<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/marine/Fish-Shellfish/international/ukaf>

### **Certification**

#### **GLOBALG.A.P. Launch of the new Compound Feed Manufacturing Standard Version 2.1.** 16 January 2012.

After an intensive multi-stakeholder consultation process, the revision of the GLOBALG.A.P. Compound Feed Manufacturing Standard was published in December. A new section entitled 'responsible use of natural resources' was integrated. It contains 5 control points with adherent compliance criteria. The criteria for the sustainable sourcing of fishmeal and fish oil for compound feed manufacturing to feed aquaculture species and monogastric livestock species are integrated now. It is valid starting January 2012 and will become obligatory by June 2012.

[http://www.globalgap.org/cms/front\\_content.php?idcat=9&idart=2481](http://www.globalgap.org/cms/front_content.php?idcat=9&idart=2481)

#### **GAA Best Aquaculture Practices Certifies First Salmon Plant: Multiexport Foods.** 16 January 2012.

The Best Aquaculture Practices program has awarded its first certification of a salmon-processing facility to Multiexport Foods S.A - the vertically integrated salmon-farming company's plant in Puerto Montt, Chile.

<http://www.gaalliance.org/newsroom/news.php?BAP-Certifies-First-Salmon-Plant-Multiexport-Foods-54>

#### **ASC Aquaculture Newsflash, January 2012.**

- The accreditation (of certifiers) for the ASC Tilapia Standard will open in the beginning of 2012, followed by Pangasius a few weeks later.
- The accreditation of certification bodies for the Abalone and Bivalves Standards will open no later than the second half of 2012.
- Shrimp - final draft standard published 21 December 2011.
- Salmon - final standard was due to be published in 31 January 2012.
- Trout - final standard expected published 19 January 2012.

<http://www.worldwildlife.org/what/globalmarkets/aquaculture/troutdialogue.html>

- Seriola/Cobia - still in progress by the Aquaculture Dialogues.
- The Shrimp, Salmon and Trout Standards are expected to be handed over by the Aquaculture Dialogues to the ASC in April during the European Seafood Exposition in Brussels. The date for the handover of the Seriola/Cobia Standard is still to be determined. Once ASC has received the Standards it will develop and provide auditor training and the accreditation and certification framework for these standards. This is expected to take between 3 and 6 months.

<http://www.ascworldwide.org/index.cfm?act=tekst.item&iid=7&iids=234&lng=1>

### **Reports/brochures/web sites/presentations**

**FAO Report - Demand and supply of feed ingredients for farmed fish and crustaceans: trends and prospects.** This paper reviews the dietary feeding practices employed for the production of the major cultured fed species, the total global production and market availability of the major feed ingredient sources used and the major constraints to feed ingredient usage, and recommends approaches to feed ingredient selection and usage for the major species of cultivated fish and crustacean.

<http://www.fao.org/docrep/015/ba0002e/ba0002e.pdf>

**Defra report. Climate change could lower shellfish quality and cod landings.** 27 January 2012.

The UK Government's Climate Change Risk Assessment (CCRA) - the first independent assessment of the impacts of climate change on the UK - shows that rising water temperatures in seas around Scotland could harm shellfish and cause the location of fish stocks to shift northward.

<http://fis.com/fis/worldnews/worldnews.asp?l=e&ndb=1&id=49421>

**Environmental impact of white fish from North Sea compares to aquaculture's.** 24 January 2012.

A study in the Netherlands shows the environmental impact of fishing wild plaice and cod in the North Sea is comparable to that of imported farmed fish like salmon, tilapia and pangasius. However a considerable reduction in the environmental impact of plaice and cod fishing is expected once technological innovations are put into practice.

Conversely, the effects of improvements in aquaculture are not considered to be as straightforward as in fisheries.

<http://www.fis.com/fis/worldnews/worldnews.asp?l=e&country=0&special=&monthyear=&day=&id=49340&ndb=1&df=0>

**EFSA recommendations on norovirus contamination management.** Jan 2012.

The European Food Safety Authority's Panel on Biological Hazards Panel concludes that norovirus is often detected in EU oysters but that the infective dose is not known. It recommends that risk managers should establish acceptable limits and that an EU baseline study is needed to estimate consumer exposure. The report can be found here

<http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/efsajournal/pub/2500.htm>

**How to cook and prepare squid.** 10 January 2012.

A new short film has been produced by SAGB to educate people about how to select, prepare and cook squid. This is one of a series of films which aim to demonstrate how shellfish can be prepared from scratch in a matter of minutes and to demystify and promote a much under valued food.

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hplnt1J5SEc&feature=channel\\_video\\_title](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hplnt1J5SEc&feature=channel_video_title)

### **General news**

**Hatchery feed - a new information resource dedicated to aquatic hatchery feed and nutrition.** 19 January 2012.

Hatcheryfeed, an initiative of Aquafeed.com, has been launched to help farmers, hatchery operators, feed manufacturers, researchers, experts, novices and those with an interest in hatchery feed and nutrition. The new website has news and information about feed for larvae, fry and broodstock: what goes in it, how to feed it, who makes it – plus information about aquaculture, hatcheries and hatchery management in general.

<http://www.fishupdate.com/news/fullstory.php/aid/16891>

**New Scottish seafood promotion group meets for first time.** 17 January 2012.

A new body that aims to maximise the value of all Scottish seafood and encourage greater profitability for the sector has met for the first time. The Scottish Seafood Partnership will meet on a quarterly basis and provide strategic advice to Scottish Ministers, the industry, Seafood Scotland and Seafish (in Scotland).

<http://www.fishupdate.com/news/fullstory.php/aid/16877>

**Nothing goes to waste at impressive facility.** 17 January 2012.

More than £500,000 of investment in Grimsby's fishmeal plant was demonstrated to industry leaders. United Fish Industries has received another huge cash injection.

<http://www.thisisgrimsby.co.uk/goes-waste-impressive-facility/story-14446609-detail/story.html>

**New Contracts for Shellfish Monitoring.** 11 January 2012

The Food Standards Agency in Scotland has awarded contracts for services to support the official control shellfish monitoring programme. The services were put out to open tender at the end of August 2011. New contracts, which will commence on 2 April 2012, are being developed with the successful bidders.

<http://www.thefishsite.com/fishnews/16221/new-contracts-for-shellfish-monitoring>

**Researchers say cleaner fish will provide 'green' pest control for salmon industry.**

16 January 2012.

The University of Stirling's Institute of Aquaculture is breeding wrasse to be used sustainably in Atlantic salmon farms to naturally remove sea lice from the skin of other fish.

<http://www.fishupdate.com/news/fullstory.php/aid/16865>

**Consumer views on targeted safety inspections.** 9 January 2012.

The FSA has used consumer forums (Citizens Forums) to get feedback on reductions in algal toxin testing and now on reducing inspections (Earned Recognition). The Agency commissioned a series of citizens' forums to explore consumer's views about proposed changes to the regulation of food businesses. Participants considered Earned Recognition a positive step for the Agency to take on the condition that these businesses were still regulated sufficiently and that the scheme was applied fairly across the food industry.

<http://www.food.gov.uk/news/newsarchive/2012/jan/earnedrecognition>

**Health**

Oily fish during pregnancy shows immune boosting potential for infants. 18 Jan 2012

Consuming a couple of servings of salmon per week during the third trimester of pregnancy may influence immune system health in the infants, says a new study.

[http://www.nutraingredients.com/On-your-radar/Omega-3/Oily-fish-during-pregnancy-shows-immune-boosting-potential-for-infants?utm\\_source=copyright&utm\\_medium=OnSite&utm\\_campaign=copyright](http://www.nutraingredients.com/On-your-radar/Omega-3/Oily-fish-during-pregnancy-shows-immune-boosting-potential-for-infants?utm_source=copyright&utm_medium=OnSite&utm_campaign=copyright)

**February, March and April events and meetings**

**6 - 8 March** North Atlantic Seafood Conference, Oslo.

<http://www.nor-seafood.com/>

**22 – 24 March** Fishing, Aquaculture & Seafood Expo, SECC, Glasgow.

<http://www.fishingexpo.co.uk/index.php>

**23 April**                    **Omega-3 Summit - Optimised Omega-3 Intake from Sustainable Sources**, Ghent Marriott Hotel, Ghent, Belgium  
<http://www.omega3summit.org>

**24 – 27 April**                **2012 European Seafood Exposition**, Brussels Exhibition & Conference Centre, Brussels, Belgium.  
<http://www.euroseafood.com/11/public/enter.aspx>

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#### Looking ahead

**1 – 4 May**                    **Skretting Australasian Aquaculture 2012**, Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia.  
<http://www.aquaculturenorthamerica.com/event/skretting-australasian-aquaculture-2012/>

**7 – 11 May**                **World Fisheries Congress**, Edinburgh, Scotland.  
<http://www.6thwfc2012.com/>

**23 – 24 May**                **Aquaculture UK 2012**, Macdonald Highland Resort, Aviemore, Scotland.  
<http://www.aquacultureuk.com/>

**1 – 5 September**        **AQUA 2012**, Prague, Czech Republic.  
<http://www.easonline.org>      <http://www.was.org>

**6 – 8 September**        **10<sup>th</sup> International Seafood Summit**, Hong Kong.  
<http://www.seafoodsummit.org/>