Aquaculture news alert (sent by email 4 February 2015)

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

DIARY DATE
Next Aquaculture Common Issues Group meeting – Wednesday 15 April 2015.
The next Common Language Group meeting will be held on Wednesday 15 April 2015 at Friends House, 173-177 Euston Road, London, NW1 2BJ. The meeting will run from 10.30am to 3.30pm. We are planning the agenda now - if you would like to suggest any topics please let me know E: k.green@seafish.co.uk

Seafish news
New Aquaculture Manager at Seafish
Lee Cocker joined Seafish as the new Aquaculture Manager on 2 February. Lee will be responsible for the Domestic Aquaculture work programme which is new under the Seafish 2015-18 Corporate Plan. Lee brings with him a combination of academic expertise and aquaculture industry experience working with, and for, NGO’s both in the UK and overseas. E: Lee.Cocker@seafish.co.uk

Consultations/legislation/tenders/surveys/workshops
BBSRC and NERC Sustainable Aquaculture Industry Workshop – 26 March 2015, The Carlton Hotel, Edinburgh
BBSRC and NERC, two of the UK’s leading public funding agencies for the biological and environmental sciences, are working in partnership to investigate the need for a new pre-competitive research and innovation initiative focussed on sustainable aquaculture. We would like to invite you to attend an industry-focussed workshop at which we will explore how BBSRC and NERC might contribute to delivering new research and innovative approaches to solving industry’s challenges. To sign up to the workshop, please complete registration via this link

Aims of the Workshop:
- Scope plans for a multi-million pound investment in research and research translation for sustainable aquaculture.
- Engage industry in determining the scope of an industrially relevant pre-competitive funding programme and its strategic direction.
- Introduce options for the proposed programme delivery model and industry contribution.

This workshop will be industry-focussed, with restrictions placed on academic attendance. Consultation with the academic community, policy-makers and regulators will follow from the workshop. For further information E: faith.smith@bbsrc.ac.uk or jodark@nerc.ac.uk
Certification
GAA signs MoU with Viet Nam Pangasius Association. 3 February 2015.
The Global Aquaculture Alliance has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the Viet Nam Pangasius Association, in which the two organizations will work collaboratively to advance responsible aquaculture in the Pangasius sector in Vietnam and globally through the exchange of information and research.

New iBAP Program to advance responsible aquaculture. February 2015.
The Global Aquaculture Alliance (GAA) is launching a program designed to help aquaculture farmers attain Best Aquaculture Practices (BAP) certification - iBAP, with the “i” representing “improver.” It incentivizes aquaculture facilities capable of attaining BAP certification to engage in a deadline-driven improver program, providing the assistance and encouragement necessary to apply for BAP certification.

Public consultation of the next version of the GLOBALG.A.P. Aquaculture module Consultation 15 December 2014 to 15 February 2015.
Comments to standard@globalgap.org

For BAP Program, a year of growth, accomplishments, milestones. January 2015.
The BAP program experienced year-on-year growth in 2014, in terms of the volume of product originating from BAP-certified facilities and the number of BAP-certified facilities. Comparing the situation in December 2014, with December 2013: the annual output from BAP-certified processing plants totaled 1.43 million metric tons up 2.7%; the number of BAP-certified facilities totaled 701 up from 648; the total includes 271 processing plants (up 23 units), 371 farms (up 20 units), 32 hatcheries (up 4 units) and 27 feed mills (up 27 units); also, the number of companies offering two-star product jumped from 101 to 151, a 49.5% increase.

Reports/brochures/web sites/presentations

General news
Walmart Foundation and SFP Announce Aquaculture Improvement Projects in Indonesia, China and Thailand. 27 January 2015.
The Sustainable Fisheries Partnership (SFP) has announced Aquaculture Improvement Projects in Indonesia, China, and Thailand made possible with funding from the Walmart Foundation. Shrimp farmers in Indonesia and Thailand and tilapia farmers in China will receive training and knowledge to help them improve their livelihoods and increase collaboration to manage and improve water quality and reduce incidences of disease outbreaks.

IFA asks Minister Coveney to use EU rule to save south western shellfish sector. 3 February 2015.
The Irish Shellfish Association, which is a member of IFA, has put a strong case to Minister Simon Coveney outlining the severe crisis in the mussel production sector in west Cork and Kerry as a result of highly unusual algal blooms this winter. Producers from Castlemaine to Dunmanus Bay have been impacted. IFA’s Aquaculture Executive, Richie Flynn, said, “By closing their harvesting operations, the mussel farmers ensured the consumer and food safety comes first but unfortunately they have no control over the
length of time these natural blooms can persist in the ocean. Producers are not arguing with the science or criteria which closed them down. In fact, IFA members work very closely with the agencies such as the Food Safety Authority, Marine Institute, HSE and BIM to ensure we have the safest shellfish system in the world. The IFA was appealing to Minister Coveney to find a financial solution to the problem as allowed under the EU Fisheries Fund rules.

Events in 2015

9-11 February SeaWeb Seafood Summit, New Orleans, Louisiana, USA. http://www.seafoodsummit.org/


15-17 March International Boston Seafood Show, Boston, USA http://www.seafoodexpo.com/north-america/

27 March IFFO/JCI Fishmeal and Fish Oil Forum, Guangzhou City, China http://www.iffo.net/event-calendar


7-9 June Aquavision, Stavanger, Norway http://tradeshow.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/


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

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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