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Seafish news and reports

Seafish 2018 Processing Sector Labour Report. April 2018.

This report presents the findings of Seafish's annual survey of workforce composition in the seafood processing sector in 2017 and results of the first quarterly survey on ease of recruitment and retention of staff in the seafood processing sector.

- In December 2017 Seafish collected data from 114 processing sites around the UK operated by 106 companies. The sample covered 12,735 people working in the sea fish processing sector in 2017. This report presents the findings of the survey and includes data on employee nationality, gender, job skill level, recruitment method, and contract type.
- British workers represented 48% of the total sample of people working in the seafood processing sector in 2017. Citizens of other EEA countries represented 49% of the total sample of people working in the processing sector in 2017, and workers from non-EEA countries (or for whom nationality was unknown or unreported) made up 3% of the sample.
- Region was a major factor influencing the nationality mix of the sector in 2017. The survey revealed significant regional variation in the split between British and non-British workers. Non-British workers accounted for 71% of the total sample from the Grampian region, compared to 39% of the total sample from the Humber region.
- Non-British workers made up a greater proportion of low-skilled and unskilled roles than skilled or high-skilled roles in 2017. Over 80% of high-skilled roles in the sample were held by British staff; workers from other EEA countries held 50% of unskilled roles in the sample.

Fishmeal and fish oil facts and figures. March 2018.

These fishmeal and fish oil facts and figures draw together the latest available data on World, European and UK markets, as well as the supply of fishmeal and fish oil for land animals and fish feed.

Pelagic Industry Issues Group meeting. Thursday 22 March in Aberdeen.

The presentations and [minutes](#) from this meeting have all been added to the Seafish PIIG [webpage](#).

Utilisation of 2016 EU Faroe Bi-lateral Agreement. 24 November 2017. Amended May 2018.

The Seafish Pelagic Industry Issues Group (SPIIG) asked Seafish to undertake an independent analysis of the utilisation by the UK and rest of EU of the 2016 EU-Faroe bilateral agreement and the utilisation of the agreement by the Faroes.

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[Seafish summary of 2017 ICES advice for pelagic stocks.](#) Published 20 October 2017.

[TACs and Quotas for 2017 - Seafish quick summary of 2017 quotas, and supporting legislation, for pelagic stocks generally used to produce fishmeal.](#) 22 August 2017.

North East Atlantic and Baltic Fish Stock Status

[NEAFC: Coastal States meeting on revised reference points and long-term management strategy for Atlanto-Scandian Herring \(ASH\).](#) 14 May 2018.

[Special request to ICES. Coastal States request for ICES to re-evaluate the reference points for Norwegian spring-spawning herring.](#) 26 April 2018.

Following the benchmark for Norwegian spring-spawning herring (NSSH) in 2016 no new reference points were agreed upon. The Coastal States (CS) request that this work be completed to allow them to revise the long-term management strategy for this stock during summer 2018: "The delegations agreed to request ICES to finish the process of re-evaluation of the reference points for Norwegian spring spawning (Atlanto-Scandian) herring during the first quarter of 2018. Provided that ICES has completed their work on the reference points, the delegations agreed to meet before 15 May 2018 to discuss a possible revision of the long-term management strategy."

ICES advice summary: ICES advises, based on revised precautionary and MSY reference points, that the current Blim value of 2.5 million tonnes for the Norwegian spring-spawning herring (NSSH) should be retained while Bpa and MSY Btrigger should be revised to 3.184 million tonnes. ICES furthermore advises that FMSY should be set to 0.102, with Flim revised to 0.234 and Fpa revised to 0.182.

[Any change to spring-spawning herring MSC to depend on ICES meeting.](#) 20 April 2018.

Conformity assessment bodies (CABs) working on the expedited Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) audit for Norwegian spring-spawning (NSS) herring will wait for expected further information before continuing, they have said. The fishery in the North East Atlantic was first certified in 2009, with the renewed certificate due to expire in July 2019. However, concerns over both the stocks and the management plan have prompted independent certifying bodies to carry out an audit. Coastal states will meet on May 14 to produce new harvest control rules, and will send them to ICES for evaluation. This delay has no implications on the 2018 – 2019 fishing season.

Coastal States agreements for 2018

[2018 EU-Norway agreed records](#)

[2018 EU-Norway license agreement on Mackerel access](#)

[2018 EU-Norway agreement on Mackerel in NE Atlantic](#)

[2018 EU-Faroe Islands agreement](#)

Stock Status and Quotas – Atlantic and South America

[Giant Peruvian anchovy quota gives fishmeal processors chance to reverse losses.](#) 9 April 2018.

The higher than expected quota for the first anchovy fishing season in the north-center of Peruvian waters is expected to give Peruvian fishmeal processors a chance to reverse recent losses. This year, anchovy catches for the country's north-center fishing region have been set at 3.32 million metric tons, 18% higher year on year. Peru's marine institute, IMARPE, has announced that the season will begin on 12 April while five days

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of exploratory fishing started on 7 April. The biomass of anchovy in Peru reached 10.86m metric tons, according to IMARPE. It is 35% higher than the 24-year average and 79% higher than last year's winter levels.

Reports/brochures/web sites/presentations/articles
IFFO Update May 2018

New Annual Report shows IFFO's focus on data and scientific evidence. 4 May 2018.

IFFO, The Marine Ingredients Organisation, has released its [second Annual Report](#), giving a succinct overview of the group's work with the aim to engage and inform stakeholders. IFFO enjoyed another fruitful year with a continued growth in membership, over 1,082 delegates attending 5 IFFO hosted events, 90 market reports published, and a series of technical projects completed. The report takes readers through IFFO's various technical projects, events, market reporting and governance.

Cargill report promotes sustainability, transparency of aquaculture feed. 2 May 2018.

Cargill has unveiled its Sustainability Report intended to improve the transparency of the company's sourcing of aquaculture feed ingredients, while further promoting sustainability. The [Aqua Nutrition Sustainability Report](#) contains, for the first time, information from all of its 17 dedicated aquafeed facilities in 12 countries, including those producing feed for salmon, shrimp and tilapia producers. Combined, the facilities featured in the report produce 80% of Cargill's 1.5 million metric ton aquafeed production footprint, the company says. The report notes that three new facilities are planned for 2018. Additionally, Cargill says all of its 700 raw material suppliers have agreed to live up to its aqua nutrition supplier code of conduct or an equivalent standard, and the company says it has achieved a 70% waste recycling milestone.

Globefish. Fishmeal and fish oil: second fishing season on halt with price trending upwards. 2 April 2018.

In 2017 there was an overall increase in the global production of fishmeal and fish oil. Peru and Chile benefited from the recovered biomass. Nordic countries also increased landings of small pelagics for production of fishmeal and fish oil. The first anchovy-fishing season in Peru was a success, and the second season should have started on November, but because of the high presence of juveniles, the fishing activities were banned for almost the rest of 2017. And the uncertainty in the raw material supply is driving the prices upward now.

General news

Krill oil withdrawal by retailers opens up sustainability dialogue. 16 April 2018.

UK health and beauty retailer Boots have become the latest target of a campaign by Greenpeace to halt the sale of Omega-3 supplements derived from krill oil fished in vulnerable marine areas. Pressure from the environmental group as well as consumers means Boots join other UK-based retailers like Holland & Barret and Morrison's in having its supplement offerings thrust under the spotlight. Issues of sustainability and environmental implications are at the heart of krill fishing. Greenpeace's assertions that industrial fishing for krill is posing a serious threat to the Antarctic ecosystem is naturally countered by those active in the omega-3 supplement industry, who insist international regulations are adhered to. For those involved in the regulatory aspect of Antarctic Krill

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fishing, there is no doubt that its management is sound, as the demand for omega-3 by consumers is matched by demands for transparency.

[Greenpeace report: Licence to krill](#), 12 March 2018.

Fishing for Antarctic krill is permitted in the Antarctic Ocean under the management of the Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources (CCAMLR). The fishery is often referred to as the best-managed in the world, and is focused on the northern tip of the Antarctic Peninsula, the South Orkneys and the Bransfield Strait. This closely follows the main krill-foraging areas for penguins, seals and whales. The Greenpeace report says despite the industry's attempts to portray itself as one of the world's most sustainable fisheries, evidence collected by Greenpeace demonstrates a pattern of fishing activity increasingly close to shore and in the immediate vicinity of penguin colonies and whale feeding grounds. **[Licence to Krill: The little-known world of Antarctic fishing](#)**

Recent Seafish publications

- **[Seafish summary of 2017 ICES advice for pelagic stocks](#)**. 20 October 2017.
- **[Seafish quick summary of 2017 quotas, and supporting legislation, for pelagic stocks generally used to produce fishmeal](#)**. 22 August 2017.
- **[Seafish fishmeal and fish oil facts and figures](#)**. December 2016.
- **[Seafish Insight: The global picture – fishmeal production](#)**. July 2016.

See also

- **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>

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