



July 2022 news alert (sent by email 18 August 2022)

This Seafish fishmeal industry news e-alert covers news items, legislation and reports. See also:

<https://www.seafish.org/responsible-sourcing/aquaculture-farming-seafood/sourcing-fishmeal-and-fishoil/>

Seafish news and reports

- [Seafish summary of 2022 ICES advice for pelagic stocks \(August 2022\)](#)
- [Seafish Insight: fishmeal production and trends. Source: FAO SOFIA 2022 \(August 2022\)](#)

Stock status and quotas - Northeast Atlantic and Baltic Fish Stocks

Quotas

Icelandic annual pelagic ecosystem summer survey shows strong mackerel stocks (11 August 2022)

The annual Icelandic pelagic ecosystem summer survey has shown that Iceland has strong mackerel resources in their territorial waters.

Norwegian mackerel quota for 2022 increased to 281,171 tonnes (7 July 2022)

The Norwegian Ministry of Trade and Industry has increased the mackerel quota available to their fishing fleet in 2022 to 281,171 tonnes. This represents 35% of the recommended total catch. This is based on the zonal attachment approach, and the figure represents their estimate of how much mackerel resides in Norwegian waters.

ICES releases advice on fishing opportunities 2023 for Northeast Atlantic areas (30 June 2022)

The ICES has released its advice on fishing opportunities for 2023 for Northeast Atlantic areas including the West of Scotland, the North Sea, Irish Sea and Celtic Sea.

Faroe Islands set mackerel quota for 2022 at 155,804 tonnes (20 June 2022)

The Faroese mackerel quota for 2022 will be 155,804 tonnes, which corresponds to 19.6% of the licensed catch of 794,920 tonnes.

Norwegian sandeel quota for 2022 finalised at 95,000 tonnes (16 May 2022)

For 2022, the Norwegian final quota for sandeel has been set at 95,000 tonnes by the Quota Council. This year's sandeel research showed a rather weak recruitment of the 2021-year class, and very little sandeel in UK waters and on the Viking Bank in the far north.

Sprat quota for Skagerrak, Kattegat, and North Sea reduced by 36% (10 May 2022)

The ICES advises that when the MSY approach is applied, catches in the period from 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023 should be no more than 68,690 tonnes.

Statements

While the UN Ocean Conference backs sustainable fisheries, major Coastal States commit to continued overfishing back home (30 June 2022)

In the wake of the UN Ocean Conference, the North Atlantic Pelagic Advocacy Group (NAPA) expresses alarm at the recent decisions of the Norwegian and Faroese governments to ignore calls for cooperation and set unilateral quotas for Northeast Atlantic mackerel.

Scottish pelagic fishermen condemn unilateral quota increases by Norway and Faroe (25 June 2022)

Scottish pelagic fishermen have condemned decisions by Norway and the Faroe Islands to persist with the unilateral increases in catch quotas for Northeast Atlantic mackerel that they first announced in 2021, calling it a willful attack on the principles of sustainability required to preserve stocks for future generations. Each country raised its quota share by 55% last year, and intends to maintain its self-awarded tonnages in 2022,

EU fishing industry calls for action against Norway and Faroe Islands over mackerel (25 June 2022)

The EU fishing industry has once again called for EU action against Norway and Faroe Islands to stop their overfishing of the Northeast Atlantic mackerel stock. "We reiterate our call on the EU Commission and Council to act swiftly and decisively on this reckless and irresponsible behaviour by using the instruments at its disposal such as trade measures and the IUU regulation."

NAPA reaffirms its commitment to sustainable pelagic fisheries in the Northeast Atlantic (15 June 2022)

NAPA believes that it is vital that these fisheries have an effective allocation mechanism in place with appropriate incentives to encourage all Coastal States to agree and commit to sustainable catch shares.

NAPA open letter to politicians (9 June 2022)

NAPA has issued an open letter to politicians as major brands look to South America for sustainable alternatives to overfished Northeast Atlantic mackerel, following a lack of decisive action towards sustainable pelagic fisheries management.

Northeast Atlantic pelagics briefing sheet (April 2022)

A new facts sheet from the Marine Stewardship Council accuses Northeast Atlantic coastal states of continued overexploitation of pelagic stocks, and losing sight of the urgent need for a quota sharing agreement for Northeast Atlantic pelagic fish stocks

Stock Status and Quotas – Atlantic and South America

Peru divides its anchovy fishing areas into two regions – south and north-central – with different capture limits and seasons set for each one. The north-central is Peru's main fishing region, with capture measuring roughly six times that of the south region.

Peru closes north-central region anchovy season at just 84% of TAC (27 July 2022)

Peru's Ministry of Production (PRODUCE) has called an end to the first anchovy fishing season of 2022 in the country's north-central region, with total catchment reaching 2.34 million metric tons (MT), or 84.06% of the total allowable catch (TAC).

Peru launches second anchoveta fishing season in southern region on heels of sluggish first season (5 July 2022)

<https://www.seafoodsource.com/news/supply-trade/peru-launches-second-anchoveta-fishing-season-in-southern-region-on-heels-of-sluggish-first-season>

PRODUCE has opened the second anchovy fishing season of the year in the country's south region, setting a TAC of 486,500 metric tons (MT). This is the same as for the first season, which ran from January through June. As of 26 June 2022, only 197,000 MT had been landed (40.5% of the TAC). This is up by 77,500 MT, compared to the same season in 2021.

Reports/studies/resources

Summary from IFFO webinar: Searching for unknown growth factors in fishmeal (August 2022)

Changing Markets foundation report. Krill, Baby, Krill: The corporations profiting from plundering Antarctica (August 2022)

This report purports to investigate the main culprits responsible for the plundering of the cornerstone of the Antarctic food web: krill.

ASC launches new documents to strengthen farm audits and operationalise the new Feed Standard (14 July 2022)

The Aquaculture Stewardship Council (ASC) has released revised Certification and Accreditation Requirements (CAR) and Certification Requirements for Unit of Certification (RUoC) for the ASC Farm Standards, and new CAR and RUoC documents for the Feed Standard.

Recent trends in abundance and fishing pressure of agency-assessed small pelagic fish stocks (3 July 2022)

This paper provides an overview of trends in abundance and fishing pressure on small pelagic fish stocks from single-species scientific assessments that constitute 60% of global small pelagic catch. While most individual stocks have exhibited wide variability in abundance (typical of small pelagics), across stocks there has been remarkable stability in average fishing pressure and biomass since 1970.

Global Aquaculture Update (July 2022)

Seafood demand will diminish in the second half of 2022 amid persistently high production costs, according to new analysis compiled by the RaboResearch unit of Rabobank. The 'Global Aquaculture Update 2H 2022,' subtitled 'On the Brink of Recession,' also reports that the profits of salmon and shrimp farmers are likely to decline from their recent highs, and that the remaining months of 2022 may be challenging for both sectors. The global fishmeal supply remains relatively stable, though Peru's fishmeal production is not expected to surpass that of 2021. Higher production in other parts of the world will not make up for lower production in Peru.

Addressing food security through the lens of marine ingredients (29 June 2022)

At the 2022 North Atlantic Seafood Forum in Bergen stakeholders from the various groups involved with the Global Roundtable on Marine Ingredients gave an update on the progress the roundtable has made since it was formed in October 2021 in three directions: West Africa, South / Southeast Asia and life cycle assessment analyses.

[The State of World Fisheries and Aquaculture \(SOFIA\) 2022 \(28 June 2022\)](#)

This flagship publication, issued every two years, provides a comprehensive, objective and global view of capture fisheries and aquaculture. By 2050, aquaculture is projected to expand and intensify further, almost doubling its current production. To sustain such production levels, large volumes of feed will be needed in terms of affordable protein, essential amino acid, additives, omega-3 fatty acids, key minerals, vitamins and energy sources. Complementing rather than replacing current feed ingredients is key.

[2022 Alltech Agri-Food Outlook \(27 June 2022\)](#)

The 2022 Alltech Agri-Food Outlook, which reveals global feed production survey data and trends shaping the future, has been released. Data collected from 11th annual survey estimates that world feed production increased by 2.3% to 1.235 billion metric tons in 2021. According to the survey, top 10 countries produce 65% of the world's feed.

[Latest data shows lower global use of marine raw materials \(May 2022\)](#)

Data released from the IFFO from January to March 2022 shows lower year-on-year use of fishmeal and fish oil. Overall, the raw material used in March 2022 by the countries considered was 6% lower when compared to the same month in 2021.

[Marine scientists trick herring into spawning at the “wrong” time of year \(22 May 2022\)](#)

Marine scientists at the Norwegian Institute of Marine Research (HI) tricked Norwegian spring-spawning herring into believing that it was autumn when it was actually spring, which in turn then changed the herring's spawning period. It seems that the length of the day controls the biological clock of the herring.

[New app focusing on traceability in commodity supply chains \(12 May 2022\)](#)

The World Wildlife Fund (WWF) has released a new free, cloud-based smartphone app and desktop web portal app (transparencyC), in collaboration with Republic Systems, focusing on traceability in commodity supply chains.

[Salmon feed is slowly changing \(22 April 2022\)](#)

Nofima has compiled an overview of ingredients used in Norwegian salmon feed. It shows that the composition of feed for Norwegian farmed salmon is approximately the same as in the previous report in 2016. The same applies to the salmon's utilisation of the feed. There has been a small increase in the volume of both feed and farmed salmon.

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- [Seafish aquaculture web](#)
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