



Aquaculture – January 2022 news alert (sent by email 13 January 2022)

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

Aquaculture Common Issues Group meetings

The minutes and presentations from all the meetings are on the [website](#).

Funding and policy news

Trading seafood with the EU - what's new in 2022 (6 January 2022)

In 2022, more changes are coming for trading seafood between the UK and EU. Seafood businesses have been adapting to trade with the EU since the end of the EU exit transition on 1 January 2021. Additional changes will affect importers and exporters this year.

UK Seafood Fund (UK SF): Infrastructure Scheme (Fund opens on 7 March 2022)

This is a first call to access the initial tranche of the total £65 million UKSF Infrastructure fund. The scheme will fund projects that build capacity across the UK fishing sector supply chain through investment in: ports, processing and aquaculture infrastructure.

UK SF Skills and Training Scheme (Opens April 2022)

The Skills and Training Scheme will provide a one-off fund of up to £10 million to improve training in the seafood industry, including the catching, processing and aquaculture sectors.

Marine plan monitoring survey (Survey closes on 7 March 2022)

The Marine Management Organisation Marine Planning team are collecting data to strengthen the monitoring and reporting of England's marine plans. The north east, north west, east, south, south east and south west annual monitoring surveys have been launched and stakeholders are invited to provide data on the use of the marine plans in the decision-making process.

European Parliament Committee on Fisheries draft report on striving for a sustainable and competitive EU aquaculture industry (16 December 2021)

This considers that aquaculture has sizeable growth potential that needs to be enhanced, so that it can provide sustainable and quality food products, reduce our dependence on aquatic food imports and create more jobs.

Survey on economic state of the aquaculture sector in England (Closing date for this data collection exercise is 21 January 2022)

As part of the [English Aquaculture Innovation Hub](#) concept and business model work, researchers from NEF Consulting, part of the [New Economics Foundation \(NEF\)](#), are working with [Dorset Coast Forum \(DCF\)](#), an independent coastal partnership, to assess the economic state of the aquaculture sector in England. They are asking businesses to share information on their own business and its economic impact. This data will be used alongside a business model, to develop an English Aquaculture Innovation Hub.

[Horizon Europe: help for UK applicants](#) (21 December 2021)

Horizon Europe is an EU research and innovation programme with a budget of €95.5 billion. It runs until 2027 and UK-based researchers or innovators can apply to most Horizon Europe funding opportunities on the same terms as EU-based applicants. UK Research and Innovation is providing help and guidance on how to access this funding.

[Help improve aquaculture qualifications and apprenticeships in Scotland](#) (January 2022)

Seafish, Lantra and Skills Development Scotland are working with businesses to ensure that aquaculture apprenticeships remain responsive to the changing nature of work. A Technical Expert Group has drafted content at operative, supervisor and manager levels, and would really value feedback from the wider aquaculture industry. We will promote the wider consultation early in February, but if you would like to know more and get involved in the meantime please contact the [Lantra project team](#)

[Report and resources](#)

[RaboResearch: 2022 looks set to be a great year for salmon & shrimp](#) (6 January 2022)

For shrimp year-on-year growth will potentially achieve well over 10% in 2021, putting shrimp production above pre-pandemic levels. The main salmon-producing regions can look forward to a profitable 2022, with minor increases in volumes produced while prices are set to remain well above-average levels.

[What to Expect in the Global Aquaculture Industry in 2022](#) (January 2022)

RaboResearch highlights the five main aquaculture trends from 2021.

[Seafood in Food Security: A Call for Bridging the Terrestrial-Aquatic Divide](#) (5 January 2022)

This research study assesses the extent to which seafood is represented in the recent food security literature, and shows that seafood remains under-researched compared to the role of terrestrial animal and plant production in food security.

[The pros and cons of co-locating aquaculture with offshore renewables](#) (30 December 2021)

This scientific paper looks at the co-location of Marine Renewable Energy (MRE) devices and aquaculture systems using Multi-Purpose Platforms (MPPs), comprising offshore wind turbines (OWTs), that will provide energy for farm operations, as well as potentially shelter the farm.

[ICES releases Aquaculture Overview covering the Norwegian Sea ecoregion](#) (17 December 2021)

This is the first time that the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea (ICES) has produced an aquaculture overview. The overviews set the social and economic context for aquaculture in the ecoregion describing the key drivers of aquaculture development and whether these drivers negatively or positively impact the nature as well as the extent of aquaculture development in the region over time.

[Recommendations for sustainable seaweed management](#) (16 December 2021)

Natural England has published a report to increase understanding of the methods used for mechanised harvesting of seaweed and seaweed aquaculture. It also looks at the

potential environmental effects or impacts and management measures, and develops recommendations for best practices.

News

[Research shows new bacteria in UK waters as temperatures rise](#) (10 January 2022)

The study, led by the University of Exeter, found a growing diversity of *Vibrio* bacteria in the sea around the UK (two species) that have never been recorded in UK waters before. These species can harm sea creatures such as shellfish, but also raises concerns for human health.

[FAO launches the International Year of Artisanal Fisheries and Aquaculture](#) (4 January 2022)

The United Nations formally recognised the crucial role artisanal aquaculture and fisheries play in global food security by launching an international year with a webinar.

[European Institute of Innovation and Technology \(EIT\) aquaculture showcase event](#) (16 December 2021)

The winners of EIT Food's 2021 aquaculture competition presented their projects to an audience of aquaculture experts, investors and other stakeholders.

Seafish further information

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