



April 2022 news alert (sent by email 11 April 2022)

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Seafish summary of 2021 ICES advice for pelagic stocks. Updated October 2021. ICES advice for pelagic stocks for 2022. Source SPFA.

Stock status and quotas - Northeast Atlantic and Baltic Fish Stocks

The Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) suspended the certification of Atlanto-Scandian herring and blue whiting from 30 December 2020, and for mackerel (from 2019). This affects eight certificates covering fisheries from the European Union, Norway, Iceland, Russia, the Faroe Islands, Greenland, and the United Kingdom. This certificate suspension is due to the lack of an international agreement on how to manage catch levels between different nations. The MSC has called for urgent international action and for quota-sharing settlements.

Scottish pelagic industry briefing document to ensure informed opinion of the sector (5 April 2022)

The Scottish Pelagic Sustainability Group (SPSG) has produced a 'Pelagic Industry Briefing Document' aimed at politicians and other interested parties to ensure there is informed understanding of the sector.

Working together to manage Scotland's fish stocks (22 March 2022)

The Scottish Pelagic Fishermen's Association (SPFA), Shetland UHI and the Marine Scotland directorate of the Scottish Government will take a new hands-on role in collecting the data used to make yearly management decisions about herring, mackerel and blue whiting stocks.

EAPO Northern Pelagic Working Group position paper on mackerel (19 March 2022)

The European Association of Fish Producers Organisations (EAPO) Northern Pelagic Working Group has published a position statement on the report of the distribution of Northeast Atlantic mackerel, and on the continuation of Coastal States consultations on this stock. This follows a Coastal States Working Group report presented on 14 March 2022). It concludes that the data presented in the report does not provide a basis for taking a zonal attachment approach to the quota-sharing arrangement for this stock. It calls on the European Commission and the EU Member States to set a strong EU negotiating mandate.

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[Mackerel negotiations to resume in May after stalemate \(19 March 2022\)](#)

Mackerel negotiations are set to resume in May after a stalemate at the mid March Northeastern Atlantic coastal states meeting in London. The negotiations ended with the attending coastal states failing to agree this year's distribution of mackerel quotas and zone access. Instead, they agreed to reconvene the negotiations on 10 and 11 May.

[Outcome of Defra consultation on sandeel and Norway pout \(18 March 2022\)](#)

The results of the UK government's consultation on sandeel and Norway pout has been published with the majority of those who took the survey agreeing that both species should be protected in UK waters. Respondents acknowledged that sandeels and Norway pout have high ecological value to the entire marine ecosystem. Also that they form the base of many food webs – being an important food source for predatory fish, seabirds and marine mammals, and that they convert energy from primary producers into fish biomass – allowing this energy to travel up the trophic levels.

[North Atlantic Pelagic Advocacy Group \(NAPA\) issues position paper \(28 February 2022\)](#)

NAPA has released a position paper setting out concrete actions that Coastal States can take to resolve the problem of pervasive unilateral quota-setting and overfishing in Northeast Atlantic pelagic fisheries.

[New ICES advice on sandeel for 2022 \(25 February 2022\)](#)

The International Council for the Exploration of the Seas has published new advice for sandeel. In the central and southern North Sea, and the Dogger Bank) ICES advises that when the MSY approach and precautionary considerations are applied, there should be zero catch in 2022.

[Norway's scientists recommend sand eel quota come down 59% \(2 March 2022\)](#)

Norway's Institute of Marine Research has advised a 60,000 tonne sandeel quota for its waters for 2022, a 59% reduction compared to the 2021 fishery. In May, the researchers will update the advice following an acoustic survey, after which the advice can be increase, but not reduce.

[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 fishery landings drop in January due to 26% lower anchovy quota in season two \(18 March 2022\)](#)

Peru's seafood sector saw its landings drop year-on-year to 289,500 metric tonnes, down by 54.6% in volume and 29.7% in value.

[Reports/studies/resources](#)

[Key messages from IFFO members meeting \(April 2022\)](#)

Read about the key takeaways from the [Technical Forum](#) and the [market forum](#) (demand side) which were both held on 5 April.

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[Changing demands to global fishmeal use \(March 2022\)](#)

Based on FAO estimates for aquaculture production over the next thirty years we could see aquaculture production reach 140 metric tonnes. Much of that forecast growth is from marine fish, could they be the next market to lead? An analysis of the fishmeal inclusion rates across the aquaculture sector shows some stark differences among the various sectors.

[GRMI responds to FAO report critical of African fishmeal sector \(17 March 2022\)](#)

Members of the Global Roundtable on Marine Ingredients (GRMI) have issued a joint statement in response to the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) published on 21 January, 2022, its report “Socio-economic and biological impacts of the fish-based feed industry for sub-Saharan Africa.” The report presents an objective assessment of regional challenges, and provides an important platform to guide continued engagement.

- **[FAO report questions expansion of fishmeal sector in West Africa \(10 February 2022\)](#)**

The expansion of Chinese and European fishmeal processing operations in West Africa has been questioned in a new report from the FAO. The report, “Socio-Economic And Biological Impacts Of The Fish-Based Feed Industry For Sub-Saharan Africa,” states the sector is posing a risk to regional food security and provides little socio-economic benefit.

[Stirling researchers point to eFIFO method to counter conclusions of a recent forage fish consumption study \(10 March 2022\)](#)

University of Stirling researchers say fed aquaculture efficiently utilises traditional marine feed ingredients, refuting a recently published study (see below). They cite flawed logic in this study and important facts that were not considered. Global fed aquaculture produces three to four times as much fish as it consumes.

[Study raises major aquafeed concerns \(2 March 2022\)](#)

A study led by a team of scientists from Cambridge, Lancaster and Liverpool universities, and Feedback Global, demonstrates that by limiting salmon farming to using feed made from by-products, rather than whole wild-caught fish, 3.7 million tonnes of fish could be left in the sea and global annual seafood production could increase by 6.1 million tonnes.

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[Scotland's Future Catching Policy consultation \(15 March 2022. Closes 7 June 2022\)](#)

This consultation seeks the views of stakeholders on Scotland’s Future Catching Policy (FCP). This will establish a new approach to managing sea fishing activities within Scottish waters and will ensure that the right management measures are in place to support reasonable and pragmatic decision making.

[Danish pelagic fishing fleet introduces 100% documented fisheries \(11 March 2022\)](#)

As the first in Europe, the Danish pelagic fleet is now introducing fully documented fishing on all vessels. By the end of 2022, CCTV and associated sensors will be installed on all Danish pelagic vessels organised in the Danish Pelagic Producer Organisation (DPPO).

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[Scotland opens consultations on mandatory Remote Electronic Monitoring \(REM\) in fisheries \(15 March 2022. Closes 7 June 2022\)](#)

The consultation seeks views on the rollout of REM to the scallop and pelagic fleet segments, and initial views on REM applied across other sections of the fleet.

[Nutreco and Skretting release responsible sourcing policy for marine ingredients \(22 March 2022\)](#)

The policy builds off [Nutreco's Sustainability RoadMap 2025](#) which aims to ensure that by 2025, 100% of the marine ingredients the company sources are certified as sustainable or come from a fishery improvement project. The new policy separates the marine ingredients Nutreco buys into five classes, with purchasing targets set for each class based on their relative sustainability. These classes will also dictate what types of marine ingredients Nutreco is able to purchase from countries identified with a high risk of illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing. Countries identified to have a high risk of forced labor in their seafood industries will also face additional requirements before Nutreco qualifies them as sellers.

See also

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