



## **Aquaculture – August 2022 news alert (sent by email 4 August 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 opportunities**

#### **UK Seafood Fund (UK SF) funds ground-breaking fishing research projects, with new funding rounds open (3 August 2022)**

17 projects have been awarded funds from the £100 million UK Seafood Fund (UK SF), which has been extended from 2024 to 31 March 2025.

- **UK SF: Round 3 of Fisheries Industry Science Partnerships (FISP) scheme now open for applications (3 August 2022. Closing date 5 September 2022)**
- FISP aims to bring together industry and researchers to deliver pioneering projects which promote the sustainable management of the UK's fisheries and help equip the fishing industry for the future. Up to £1 million is available for two-year projects and new eligible funding areas, allowing for a wider variety of more ambitious projects to receive support.
- **UK SF: Round 1 of Skills and Training Scheme now open (3 August 2022. Closes 12 October 2022)**
- There is up to £10 million in the UK SF Skills and Training Scheme to fund training projects for workers in the seafood and aquaculture industry, to develop and improve courses to upskill the industry in essential skills.
- **UK SF: Round 2 of Infrastructure Scheme due to open in early September**
- At least £65 million in grant funding is available through the UK SF Infrastructure Scheme to build improved capability at ports, harbours, processing, and aquaculture facilities.
- **UK Seafood Innovation Fund awards £1.29 million to projects transforming the seafood sector (3 August 2022)**
- The **UK Seafood Innovation Fund** (SIF) has awarded a further £1.29 million to 28 new projects in its most recent round of funding (Call 3). To date the fund has supported 94 projects, each receiving between £13,600 and £50,000 to support cutting-edge ideas designed to improve the sustainability and resilience of the UK fishing, aquaculture, and seafood sectors.

#### **The Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine in Ireland announces €20 million Brexit Sustainable Aquaculture Growth Scheme (28 July 2022)**

The scheme will support investments in modernisation and capacity building, increasing added-value in products, improving energy supply and efficiency, and reducing environmental impact. Importantly, the scheme will also support new entrants into the aquaculture industry. Grants of 30% to 50% of eligible costs will be available.

**BBSRC Business and Academia Prosperity Partnership funding of £11 million (Closing date for applications is 8 September 2022)**

The Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council (BBSRC) is inviting applications for funding to support established research partnerships between business and academic institutions.

**Reports and initiatives**

**SFPA publishes annual classification list of Ireland's Shellfish Production Areas (29 July 2022)**

The Sea-Fisheries Protection Authority (SFPA) has published the annual classification list for commercial shellfish (bivalve mollusc) production areas across Ireland, assessing 135 classifications in 60 production areas against strict safety requirements for human consumption.

**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 importance of sustainable aquaculture innovation for building a future-fit food system (18 July 2022)**

As the demand for seafood foods rises, the need for sustainable practices becomes ever-more pressing. The first in a new series of articles from the European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT) emphasizes the urgent call for sustainable aquaculture, and what exactly that entails.

**Aquatic Life Institute launches public tool to evaluate aquatic animal welfare in seafood certifications (23 June 2022)**

The Aquatic Life Institute (ALI) has launched a publicly available benchmark tool to evaluate the aquatic animal welfare standards of global aquaculture certification schemes. The new aquaculture certification benchmark tool claims to analyse current welfare requirements and highlights areas of opportunity for welfare improvements in each farming standard.

**Study finds that microplastics can pass through farmed fish – but it takes its toll (June 2022)**

A nine-week nutrition study with yellow perch found that the fish could tolerate microplastic-contaminated feed, but the exposure may impact the fishes' nutritional value.

**News**

**GlobalGAP deadline approaching for implementation of chain of custody standard (28 July 2022)**

The deadline to implement the GlobalG.A.P. chain of custody (CoC) standard throughout supply chains is 31 December 2023. Starting on 1 January 2023, all parties that handle loose, unpacked products originating from GlobalG.A.P.-certified production processes must have a valid CoC certification in order to maintain the certification's validity through the sale of those products.

**[Most comprehensive ASC consumer research to date highlights potential of seafood to be sustainable source of protein \(2 August 2022\)](#)**

The Aquaculture Stewardship Council (ASC) has completed its most comprehensive consumer research to date, interviewing more than 12,000 consumers in 12 different countries about their perception and consumption of seafood.

**[University of Stirling aquaculture facility receives £1M investment \(19 July 2022\)](#)**

The National Aquaculture Technology and Innovation Hub (NATIH) is set to open at the University of Stirling in 2024. It has now received a £1 million investment boost from The Wolfson Foundation.

**[Blumar Seafoods and Veramaris collaborate in new feed protocol innovation \(19 July 2022\)](#)**

Santiago, Chile-based Blumar Seafoods has announced a collaboration with Veramaris to trial the latter's algal-oil based feed. The two companies will create a new feed protocol containing EPA and DHA omega-3 using Veramaris algal oil, which has joint certification from the Aquaculture Stewardship Council and Marine Stewardship Council.

**[Get involved](#)**

**[Aquaculture Innovation Forum 2022 on 6 to 7 September 2022](#)**

The forum is a two-day event reuniting the aquaculture and livestock industry for extensive networking opportunities and content covering the biggest topics in aquaculture.

**[Global Shrimp Forum first meeting \(6 - 8 September 2022\)](#)**

The first ever Global Shrimp Forum will take place on 6 - 8 September 2022 in Utrecht, the Netherlands. The Forum is the warm water shrimp industry's first dedicated annual conference and business meeting, aiming to drive the shrimp industry towards a resilient and sustainable future.

**[4<sup>th</sup> International Symposium on Advances in Marine Mussel Research \(AMMR\). 21 to 23 November 2022. Saunton Sands Hotel, North Devon.](#)**

AMMR2022 offers a two and a half day meeting that will celebrate the latest in marine mussel (*Mytilus* sp.) research.

**[Association of Scottish Shellfish Growers \(ASSG\) Annual Conference on 6 to 7 October 2022](#)**

After two years absence the ASSG will again be hosting its Annual Conference at Coran Halls in Oban.

**[Seafish further information](#)**

- **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: [Karen Green](#).
- [Seafish aquaculture web page](#)
- [Fishmeal news](#)

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