



## **Aquaculture – May 2021 news alert (sent by email 3 June 2021)**

**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](#).

### **Resources and policy**

#### **European Green Deal: Commission adopts strategic guidelines for sustainable and competitive EU aquaculture. 17 May 2021.**

The EU Commission has adopted new strategic guidelines for a more sustainable and competitive EU aquaculture. The guidelines offer a common vision for the Commission, Member States and stakeholders to develop the sector in a way that contributes directly to the European Green Deal and the Farm to Fork Strategy.

#### **Kingston Maurward College, Dorchester, Dorset. Level 3 – New Marine Aquaculture course. May 2021.**

This new programme has been developed in partnership with Dorset and East Devon Fisheries Local Action Group (FLAG) and local employers to those looking to enter the industry and those already involved. Registration is now open, and the course starts on 6 September 2021.

### **Reports and videos**

#### **Global Salmon Initiative (GSI) latest salmon farming sustainability report published. 11 May 2021.**

The GSI has published its annual sustainability report, providing eight years of data across 10 environmental and four social indicators.

#### **Report looks at sea bass and sea bream (SBSB) production in Turkey. 17 May 2021.**

The report, developed jointly by WWF UK, Austria and Turkey, provides a comprehensive snapshot of the supply chain for Turkish SBSB exports to Europe, with a focus on the UK and Austrian markets, and highlights the significant interdependency between seafood producing and consuming countries.

#### **Report. The EU Aquaculture Sector – Economic report 2020. 6 May 2021.**

The report, compiled by the Scientific, Technical and Economic Committee for Fisheries (STECF) shows the EU aquaculture sector reached 1.2 million tonnes of produce and €4.1 billion in turnover in 2018, an increase of 2% in volume and 11% in turnover compared to 2016. However, the report estimates that the coronavirus pandemic hit the sector by decreasing income sources and increasing costs.

#### **Should stakeholders have more say in aquaculture certification schemes? 7 May 2021.** A new report by SeaChoice, [Accountability in Seafood Sustainability: Improving the legitimacy of aquaculture certifications through better transparency and stakeholder](#)

[inclusivity](#), argues the lack of transparency and stakeholder inclusion in some of the largest aquaculture eco-certifications in the global seafood marketplace is a threat to their legitimacy.

**[Video showing mussel farm ecosystem interactions.](#) 19 April 2021.**

A short film about the positive ecosystem interactions with the UK's first large-scale, offshore mussel farm (Offshore Shellfish Ltd). The long-term University of Plymouth research is showing how the farm can restore degraded seabed habitats and have benefits for the surrounding wild capture fisheries in Lyme Bay.

**[Where do shellfish fit in to the future food framework?](#) 12 April 2021.**

Shellfish farming could form a core component of global food security in the coming decades, but lack of farming expertise and rising consumer costs may keep the sector from reaching its potential, according to a new analysis published in *Frontiers in Marine Science*.

**[News](#)**

**[Scottish prawn farm in administration after Covid-19 reduces restaurant demand.](#) 20 May 2021.**

Great British Prawns has entered into administration, resulting in the loss of 18 jobs. Great British Prawns was forced to halt trading due to a drop in demand for prawns from restaurants closed under pandemic restrictions.

**[EU trade arrangements will improve for shellfish, UK Fisheries Minister vows.](#) 13 May 2021.**

The 'unjustified' decision by the EU to ban imports of live bivalve mollusks (LBMs) from class-B waters at the start of the year remains a considerable challenge, according to UK Fisheries Minister Victoria Prentis, speaking on the first day at the 51st annual conference of the Shellfish Association of Great Britain (SAGB). Prentis explained that the European Commission, continues to be "unwilling to engage in constructive discussion on this," and so the UK government is speaking to individual member states who want the trade to continue.

**[Scottish aquaculture looking to enhance operations via connected tech.](#) 10 May 2021.**

A new digital platform that will collect and interpret fish farm data in Scotland to provide actionable insights for the industry is being developed, following the award of a £250,000 to a consortium of research partners, led by satellite communications start-up R3-IoT. The project will involve the group developing a software system that automatically captures large amounts of continuous sensor data across aquaculture sites in one place, where it can be processed, stored, and acted upon.

**[Global Seafood Alliance \(GSA\) formed by a merger of the Global Aquaculture Alliance and Global Seafood Assurances organisations.](#) 14 April 2021.**

The new name reflects the merger and the non-profit organization's growing involvement in wild fisheries through the addition of the Seafood Processing Plant Standard (SPS) Issue 5.0 and the Responsible Fishing Vessel Standard (RFVS).

**[United Nations issues 2<sup>nd</sup> World Ocean Assessment.](#) 22 April 2021.**

According to the report, global aquatic production continues to grow, and is projected to reach 109 million metric tons in 2030, up 37% from the 2016 level. The annual growth

rate will slow from 5.7% in the period from 2003 to 2016 to 2.1% between 2017 and 2030 (because China is expected to reduce its growth rate). The report states the environmental performance of aquaculture has improved significantly.

### **Events**

**[Climate Change Seminar at North Atlantic Seafood Forum](#). Thursday 10 June 2021. 13.00 CET.**

The Aquaculture Stewardship Council (ASC), the Global Aquaculture Alliance (GAA) and Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) have co-organised a seminar on climate change: consequences, positioning and opportunities for seafood, at the North Atlantic Seafood Forum (NASF) on Thursday 10th June.

### **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](#)
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