

Aquaculture – September news alert (sent by email 21 September 2018)

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](#).

The last next [ACIG meeting](#) was on Tuesday 18 September 2018. The themes were health and safety in aquaculture; the benefits of certification and marketing shellfish to consumers. There was also a workshop on climate change adaptation in aquaculture.

Consultations/reviews/funding opportunities/policy guidelines/surveys

Development and Membership List Liaison Officer at SAGB. The 27 August 2018 application deadline has been extended.

The Shellfish Association of Great Britain is looking for a Development and Membership List Liaison Officer to support the Director who has overall responsibility for policy matters, financial management and general administration. For further information **E:** [David Jarrad](#).

Sustainable Supply Chain Initiative Opens Public Consultation. 27 July 2018. Open until 23 September 2018.

The Consumer Goods Forum's Sustainable Supply Chain Initiative (SSCI) has opened the global public consultation of its first set of benchmarking criteria. The initial call for input covers the benchmark for social compliance schemes that audit processing/manufacturing facilities in the food and non-food sector. The benchmark consists of two parts, the Social Criteria and the Scheme Management Criteria.

DG MARE consultation: EU marketing standards for fishery and aquaculture. 17 July 2018. Closing date is 9 October 2018.

This EU Public Consultation aims to gather input from all relevant stakeholders, including consumers. EU marketing standards define specific quality requirements for EU and non-EU fishery products that are placed on the EU internal market. It provides the opportunity to evaluate and gather feedback to ensure supply of sustainable products to the EU market, fair competition among operators and improved profitability of the fishery sector, as well as a level-playing field between EU and imported products.

Defra invites feedback on fisheries and/or aquaculture and EU Exit.

Defra are committed to listening to industries concerns regarding matters relating to fisheries and/or aquaculture and EU Exit. If you have any comments **E:** [FishEUexit](#)

Certification

ASC Launches Sea Bass, Sea Bream and Meagre Standard. 20 September 2018.

The ASC has launch of a new standard for Sea Bass, Sea Bream and Meagre. The standard was developed in response to stakeholder demand for the species, which has historically been strong in European markets. Production of Sea Bass, Sea Bream and Meagre has grown in recent years, particularly in Turkey and Greece, to also meet the

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rising demand for the species in markets such as Japan, the Middle East and North America. [Sea Bass, Sea Bream and Meagre standard](#)

[ASC Salmon Standard Recognised by Global Sustainable Seafood Initiative.](#) 17 September 2018.

The ASC's Salmon Standard has been recognised by the Global Sustainable Seafood Initiative (GSSI), a seafood certification industry benchmark. As well as meeting all of the essential components of the benchmark, the ASC standard achieved 52 'supplementary components', more than any other aquaculture certification scheme. The ASC's standard achieved 100% of the components in two of the three categories, governance and operational management, as well as 25 supplementary components for the requirements of the standard. [Full benchmark report.](#)

[ASC joins MSC in inviting stakeholders to participate in the 60-day public consultation on the outcomes of the MSC Chain of Custody \(CoC\) Program.](#) Review to conclude on 15 October 2018. 29 August 2018.

The aim of the review is to improve the efficiency and consistency of the programme, and to make Chain of Custody work better for companies and certification bodies. ASC is in full collaboration with MSC and supports these inclusions as a first step in the explicit prohibition of these practices in the supply chain within a risk-based approach that will avoid duplicative costs. As a range of ASC stakeholders have requested greater scrutiny of social issues in the supply chain, ASC is leading a project to consider the inclusion of wider social issues for these facilities. This effort is being made in consultation with MSC and will leverage ASC's expertise and experience in farm social requirements where applicable.

[Reports/brochures/web sites/presentations](#)

[A fresh approach to understanding aquaculture.](#) 7 September 2018.

A new, innovative and interactive approach to generating interest in aquaculture is now publicly available, following the publication of a number of stories about the industry on the AquaTED platform. The first instalments of the AquaTED series, which have now been published, use an interactive storytelling process, that not only provide a novel and engaging means to generate interest in aquaculture but also a template for a new style of learning and training in the sector.

[Companies collaborate over aquaculture efficiency.](#) 20 September 2018.

A project that aims to develop a new innovative software tool to reduce the environmental footprint of the aquaculture industry and optimise efficiencies in the sector is currently being developed by a group of Danish companies. Organised by the Danish Green Development and Demonstration Programme (GUDP), the project aims to develop an advanced tool that can gather and process data from stakeholders across the aquaculture sector, including suppliers and fish farmers, in a shared cloud-based database.

[Forthcoming aquaculture events in 2018](#)

25-27 Sept 2018 [Global Aquaculture Alliance GOAL conference](#), Hilton Colon Guayaqui, Guayaquil, Ecuador

4-5 October 2018 [Association of Scottish Shellfish Growers Annual Conference](#), Scotland

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15-17 October 2018 [IFFO Annual Conference](#), Rome, Italy

5-7 November 2018 [GLOBALG.A.P. Summit](#), Lima, Peru

14 November 2018. [Scottish Seaweed Industry Association Conference](#), Oban

25 March 2019. Arch UK event: **Aquaculture and Microplastics**. Fishmongers Hall, London. E: [James Taylor](#) for further information.

Seafish further information

Seafish Aquaculture Profiles web tool

<http://seafish.org/aquacultureprofiles/>

Seafish 'Who's Who in UK Aquaculture' guide.

http://www.seafish.org/media/publications/4_LC_Amended_WHOs_WHO_AQUA_LC_AUGUST_2017.pdf

Seafish UK Domestic Aquaculture - Reports page <http://www.seafish.org/industry-support/aquaculture/uk-domestic-aquaculture-reports>

Seafish Guides and information page <http://www.seafish.org/industry-support/aquaculture/aquaculture-support/guides-and-information>

Seafish Market Insight fact sheets <http://www.seafish.org/research-economics/market-insight/market-insight-factsheets> Seafish provides market data on retail, foodservice and supply (imports, exports, landings) to help seafood businesses keep up to date with the latest market 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: k_green@seafish.co.uk

Seafood Ethics Common Language Group (Seafood Ethics CLG)

Seafish has set up a seafood ethics group to keep track of ethical issues affecting the seafood supply chain and to encourage dialogue and collaborative action across the UK supply chain. The main outputs will be communicated but if you would like to be added to this mailing list for news updates E: k_green@seafish.co.uk

See:

- **Seafish aquaculture web page:** <http://www.seafish.org/industry-support/aquaculture>
- **For guides and information see:** <http://www.seafish.org/industry-support/aquaculture/aquaculture-support/guides-and-information>
- **For the Aquaculture Common Issues Group minutes and presentations see:** <http://www.seafish.org/industry-support/aquaculture/aquaculture-groups/aquaculture-common-issues-group>
- **Fishmeal news:** <http://www.seafish.org/industry-support/aquaculture/aquaculture-support/fishmeal-and-fishoil>

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