The EU aquaculture perspective
Introduction

- British/Irish
- 7 years European Parliament: fisheries policy
- 3 years Managing Director Europêche
- Nuffield International: Fisheries Scholarship
- Present: FEAP
FEAP membership

• The Federation of European Aquaculture Producers is composed of national fish farming associations representing 22 national associations from 21 countries

• All members are European but not all are European Union

• Salmon, trout, seabass and seabream, sturgeon and carp
Federation Structure

General Assembly (member associations)

Commissions

- Salmon and Large Trout
- Mediterranean
- Health and welfare
- Environment
- Freshwater
- Sturgeon
- Communications

Management Committee
FEAP President
FEAP Secretariat

4 Species Commissions
3 General Commissions
FEAP’s role

• To provide a forum for national associations who represent fish farming;

• To identify the common issues between members and promote solutions in a united way

• To follow legislative and non-legislative issues relating to the sector and provide accurate information and sound rationale to decision-makers

• To increase visibility with the European institutions, Permanent Representations, Missions, the press and the public;

• Promote aquaculture best practices in the marine and freshwater environment.
Our activities

- EMFF
- Common Fisheries Policy
- Consumer Market Organisation
- Environmental Policies
- Level Playing Field
- AAC and MAC
- Fish health and welfare
- EU Research projects
- COMMS
- Global seafood leaders
- FAO
- Young fish farmers
- PEF
- Food Information to Consumers
- Hygiene Regulations
- Consumer information
- Predators
- AAC and MAC
- Fish health and welfare
- EU Research projects
Current topics at the European level

• Review of the 2013 **Strategic Guidelines** for the Sustainable development of European Aquaculture (*this autumn*):
  • reducing administrative burden
  • enhancing competitiveness (*e.g. EMFF, predators, improved labelling*)
  • promoting a level-playing field

• **Animal health and welfare** (*veterinary medicines, antimicrobial resistance, transport, slaughter*)

• **Consumer perceptions** of aquaculture (*new ‘farmed in EU’ campaign*)

• **Marketing Standards** Regulation (*this autumn*)

• **Participation in Horizon 2020 projects** (*ClimeFish, FutureEUaqua, NewTechAqua*)
How does FEAP influence the political process?
European Commission

European Parliament

Council of Ministers

Negotiations

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European Parliament elections (2019-2024)
Results of the European Elections 2019

- European People’s Party (EPP): 179 seats (down 37)
- Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats (S&D): 152 seats (down 35)
- Renew Europe (ex-ALDE): 108 seats (up 39)
- The Greens/ European Free Alliance (Greens-EFA): 75 seats (up 23)
- Identity and Democracy (ex-ENF): 73 seats (up 37)
- European Conservatives and Reformists (ECR): 61 seats (down 16)
- 5Star’s group + Brexit Party (ex-EFDD): 44 seats (up 2)
- European United Left/Nordic Green Left (GUE/NGL): 41 seats (up 11)
- New and unaffiliated parties: 18 seats (down 2)
• Highly fragmented Parliament with no clear majority
• Smaller and less stable coalitions
• Fewer ‘natural’ allies who are usually pro-industry
• 60% new MEPs = loss of institutional memory

=Harder to lobby our position
Irish MEPs

Matt CATHY
Confederal Group of the European United Left - Nordic Green Left
Ireland
Fine Gael

Ciarán CUFFE
Group of the Greens/European Free Alliance
Ireland
Green Party

Clare DALY
Confederal Group of the European United Left - Nordic Green Left
Ireland
Independent

Frances FITZGERALD
Group of the European People’s Party (Christian Democrats)
Ireland
Fine Gael Party

Luke Ming FLANAGAN
Confederal Group of the European United Left - Nordic Green Left
Ireland
Independent

Billy KELLEHER
Renew Europe Group
Ireland
Fianna Fáil Party

Seán KELLY
Group of the European People’s Party (Christian Democrats)
Ireland
Fine Gael Party

Mairead McGUINNESS
Group of the European People’s Party (Christian Democrats)
Ireland
Fine Gael Party

Grace O’SULLIVAN
Group of the Greens/European Free Alliance
Ireland
Green Party

Mick WALLACE
Confederal Group of the European United Left - Nordic Green Left
Ireland
Independents for change

Maria WALSH
Group of the European People’s Party (Christian Democrats)
Ireland
Fine Gael Party
Virginijus Sinkevicius (Lithuania), Commissioner for Environment, Maritime Affairs and Fisheries and Oceans

Stella Kyriakides (Cyprus), Commissioner for Health and Food Safety

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**European Commission Candidates 2019-2024**

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** The European People’s Party (EPP) membership of Hungarian party Fidesz was suspended on March 2019.
## Council of Ministers

### Rotating Presidency

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- CFP/CMO assessment
- CFP/CMO reform?
Thank you

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