

IFA Aquaculture AGM

22ND OCTOBER 2020

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IFA Aquaculture – AGM Agenda

1. Introduction by Chairman, **Michael Mulloy, IFA Aquaculture Chairman**
2. Minutes of 2019 AGM – 26th Sept 2019
3. Secretary's Report – **Teresa Morrissey, IFA Aquaculture**
4. Financial Report – **Ken Heade/Mark Doyle, IFA Finance Team**
5. Resolutions Received (if any)
6. IFA Employment Services – **Niamh Brennan IFA**
7. Market Activity & Trends – **Richard Donnelly BIM / Annette Kenny Bord Bia**
8. Any Other Business

IFA Aquaculture National Committee

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Sub-sector	Representative	Alternate	Further Rep (2)	Non-voting expert (2)
Salmon	Jan Feenstra	Liam Roche	Gerry O'Donohue	
Oysters	Ed Gallagher	Cliona Mhic Ghiolla Chuda		Kian Louet
Rope Mussel	Michael Mulloy (Chairman)	John Harrington	Finian O'Sullivan	
Bottom Mussel	Emmet Casey	Pat Sullivan		
Trout	Mag Kirwan			
Other				
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Public consultation submissions 2019/2020

IFA Aquaculture Submissions & Public Consultation participation 2019-20	
EU Animal Health Law – delegated acts	Contributed to public consultation process
Strategic Guidelines for Sustainable EU Aquaculture	Contributed to AAC recommendation submitted to DG MARE – Public Consultation ongoing
Climate Change Adaptation Plan	Contributed to public consultation process
Agri-Food Strategy 2030	Contributed to public consultation process
Marine Planning Policy Statement	IFA Aquaculture submission submitted
Draft National Marine Planning Framework	IFA Aquaculture submission submitted
Marine Strategy Framework Directive (2008/56/EC) - Article 17	IFA Aquaculture submission submitted
Seafood Development Programme 2021-2027 (Review of EMFF & Priorities for next EMFAF)	IFA Aquaculture submission submitted
Brexit – feedback to DAFM High-level Implementation group	Presentation by Seafood Sector, Ag House Sept 2019

Covid-19 Impact, Support and Recovery

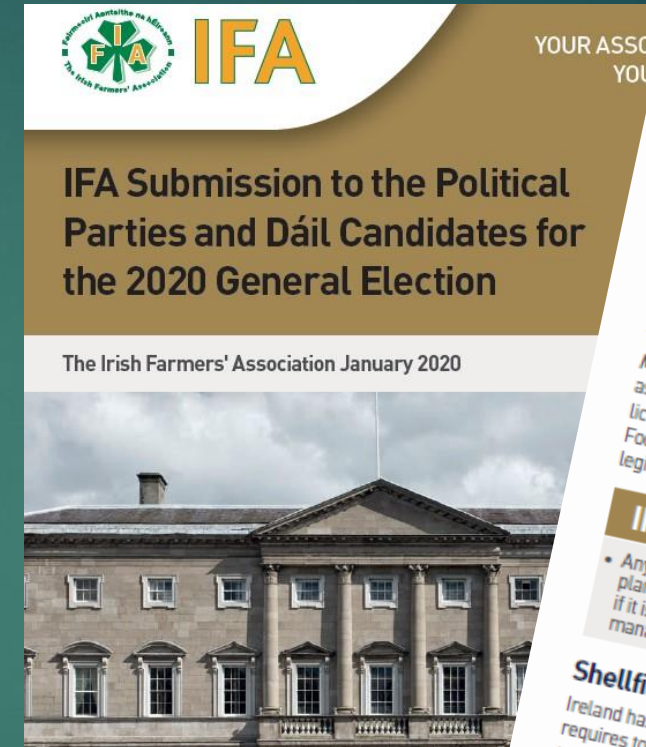
- Irish aquaculture - severe & unexpected impact due to the Covid-19 pandemic
 - market closures and disturbances having an unprecedented level of disruption.
- IFA Aquaculture have made numerous submissions to DAFM since March
- EU Commission introduced measures allow for redirecting of available EMFF funds
 - allowing for **financial compensation to be granted to aquaculture farmers** and processing enterprises
 - **temporary suspension and the reduction of production and sales**, or for the additional storage costs
 - **1 February and 31 December 2020**, as a consequence of the COVID-19 outbreak.
- IFA Aquaculture are continuing to seek the adoption of these urgent measures in order to prevent the COVID-19 emergency from having irreversible negative impacts on the normal operation of Irish aquaculture, particularly the shellfish sector.

Covid-19 Impact, Support and Recovery - Survey

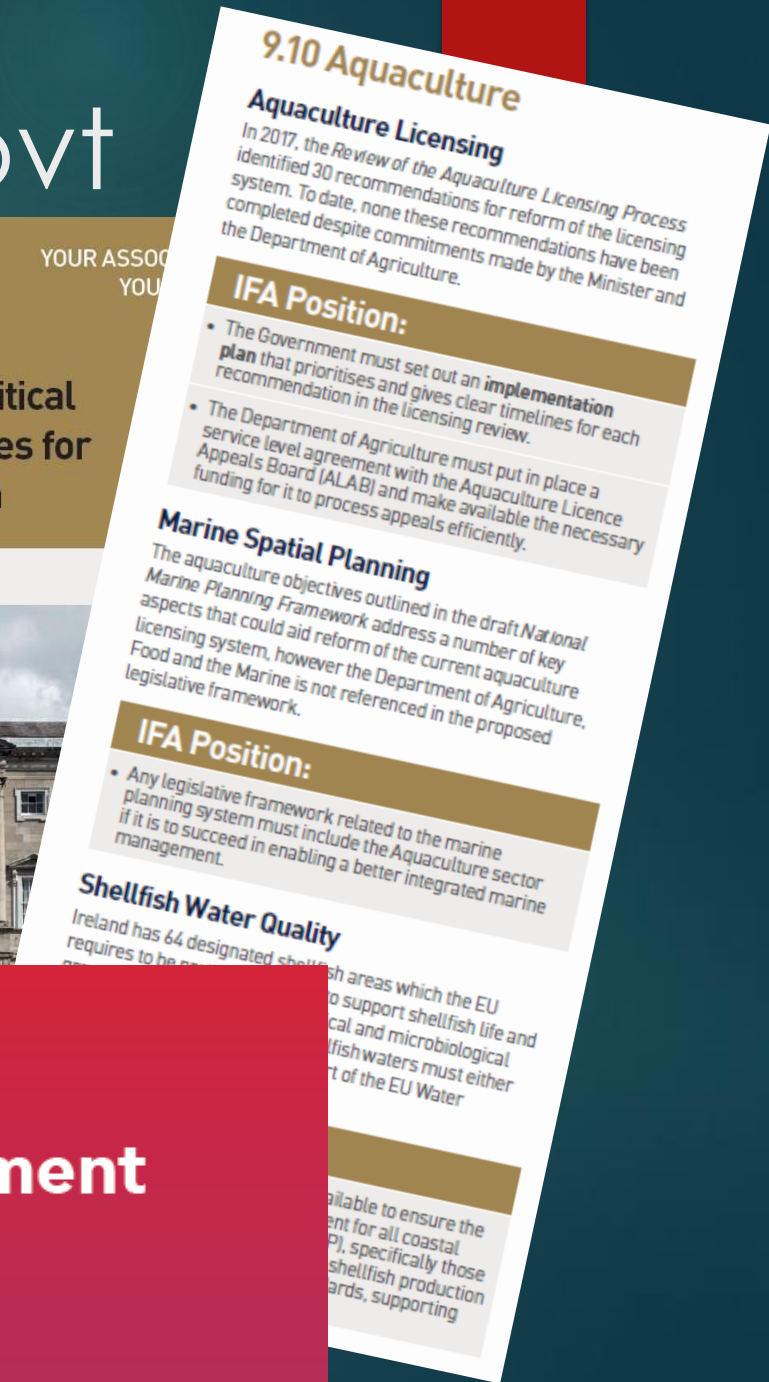
- **April 2020 (59 Respondents)** - 80% of respondents have availed of National Covid-19 supports
 - 95% of respondents availed of the Wage Subsidy Scheme (63%) and/or Covid-19 Pandemic Unemployment Payment (55%).
 - Quarterly turnover assessment for shellfish - Q1 & Q2 2020 **reduction of 70-100% in shellfish turnover** when compared for the same period last year.
 - Assessment of annual turnover figures (based on 2019 figure vs extrapolated 2020 figures) has shown a predicted **58% reduction of annual turnover for Irish aquaculture**
- **Sept 2020 (38 Respondents)** – 65% of respondents still availing of National Covid-19 supports;
 - 85% of respondents availing of the Employment Subsidy Scheme (65%) and/or Covid-19 Pandemic Unemployment Payment (32%) and
 - 26% availing of Bank Supports
 - 97% of respondents Quarterly turnover has been affected by loss of sales – 50-60% loss in first 3 Quarters

General Election & Prog for Govt

- ▶ **Marine Sustainable Development Plan** – Next ‘Harnessing Our Ocean Wealth’ coordinated by Dept of Taoiseach
- ▶ **Aquaculture development & Aquaculture Licensing Review implementation** – Must have Action!!
- ▶ **Marine Spatial Planning** – ongoing process, Aquaculture must be aligned with other Marine sectors.
- ▶ **Marine Protected Areas** – EU Biodiversity Strategy and MSFD priority to reach 10% by 2030
- ▶ **‘Blue Carbon’ Potential** – Huge opportunity for Aquaculture to establish the value of Carbon credits and seek remuneration for this.

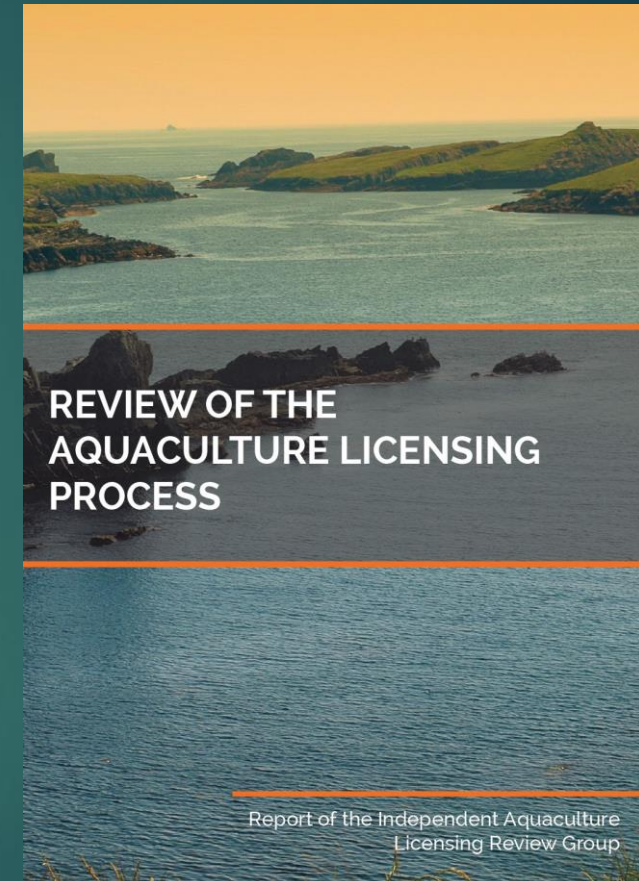


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IFA Aquaculture Priorities

- **Implementation of Aquaculture licensing review recommendations**
- **Covid-19 Recovery & Brexit Support** – IFA Brexit Emergency Plan
- **DAFM engagement** –Aquaculture Licencing Reform, Finfish Licence Renewals & EIS Submissions, Shellfish Licence Transfers, Marine Planning Framework
- **Shellfish Water Quality:** Compliance with the EU Water Framework Directive (formerly EU Shellfish Waters Directive).
- **EU Policy & Strategic Guidelines for Sustainable EU Aquaculture:** Public Consultation process deadline – 27th October 2020
- **Public Perception of Irish Aquaculture** – Communications, Press Releases, IFA Aquaculture Newsletter, PR Campaign
- **Strong National & International Representation:** Marine Spatial Planning Advisory group; Aquaculture Advisory Council (AAC); European Mollusc Producers Association (EMPA); Molluscan Shellfish Safety Committee (MSSC); EMMF OP MC.



Resolutions

- ▶ Aquaculture must be aligned with other Marine sectors and be integral to the successful implementation of the Marine Planning Framework, which is designed to co-ordinate and collaborate all marine development.