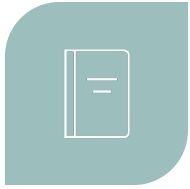


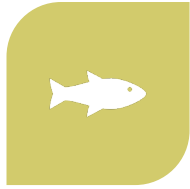
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IFA AQUACULTURE BEST PRACTICE GUIDANCE



CODE OF GOOD PRACTICE FOR THE RESPONSIBLE USE OF ANTIMICROBIALS IN AQUACULTURE;
GOOD PRACTICE GUIDELINES FOR PACIFIC OYSTER PRODUCERS



NATIONAL STRATEGIC PLAN PUBLISHED – POLICY AND ACTIONS UP TO 2030



SEAFOOD ORE WORKING GROUP – SEVERAL PUBLIC CONSULTATION; SUBGROUP WORK



WATER QUALITY & SHELLFISH CLASSIFICATION



EMPLOYMENT PERMITS & CRITICAL SKILLS LIST – IFA AQUACULTURE SUBMISSION



ENGAGEMENT & RELATIONSHIP BUILDING – DAFM OFFICIALS & STATE AGENCIES VIA SITE VISITS

IFA AQUACULTURE – 2023 REVIEW



BIM VISIT CLEW BAY — JUNE 2023



DAFM VISIT DUNGARVAN OCTOBER 2023





Aquaculture licensing review recommendations

Continued engagement with DAFM & State Agencies

Focus on legislative reform - Repeal of Section 19A(4)

Salmon licence renewals – end of 2024; Public & Statutory consultation ongoing

Renewals for Shellfish licences – Appropriate Assessment by MI



National Strategic Plan for Sustainable Aquaculture & EMFAF Programme

Actions for NSPSA – Stakeholder implementation group

Funding schemes for capital grants, research & innovation

Next Generation of aquaculture producers – succession planning



OPTIMA project – Good Practices in Mollusc Aquaculture

Benchmarking Study - Survey

Bibliographic Study - Environmental Impact and Ecosystem Services of Molluscs Aquaculture

Transnational Partner Meeting – Oct/Nov



Marine Protected Areas & Nature Restoration Law

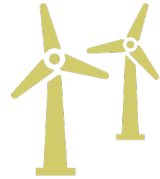
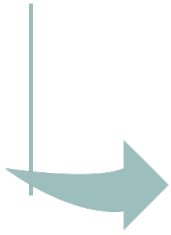
MPA Bill General Scheme to be published - MPA identification and designation process to follow

NRL – Article 5 Restoration of Marine ecosystems (listed marine habitats and species)

New marine designations

Candidate SPA Wexford

IFA AQUACULTURE PRIORITIES 2024



Exports from 31st Jan 2024 –Live Bivalve Molluscs

Managed by DAFM VI

Export Health Certificates for Live Bivalve Molluscs

Info Sheet on BIM Website

ORE/South Coast DMAP & future DMAP's

South Coast DMAP Process

Future DMAP's

Stakeholder engagement with ORE sector

Water Quality

Classification Review 2024

Sanitary Surveys

MSSC – need to focus on water quality issues at source

Referral of Ireland to ECJ

EU Aquaculture Policy

Special Report-EU Court of Auditors

AAC Recommendation on EU Aquaculture Policy

IFA AQUACULTURE PRIORITIES 2024

EU AQUACULTURE POLICY

Recommendation 1 – Support member states in addressing the obstacles to a sustainable development of EU aquaculture

Recommendation 2 – Improve targeting of EU funds

Recommendation 3 – Enhance the monitoring of EU funding's performance and of environmental sustainability

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Special report

EU aquaculture policy

Stagnating production and unclear results despite increased EU funding



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AAC Recommendations for an Aquaculture Policy Reform

AAC 2024-01

February 2024

II. Recommendations to the European Commission

- **In the short-term**, the European Commission shall implement an aquaculture policy reform to align aquaculture policy with agriculture and fisheries by:
 - Introducing shared competence between the EU and the MS in aquaculture.
 - Considering key pillars including e.g. animal welfare, social acceptance, environmental sustainability, food security, economic sustainability.
 - Setting quantitative objectives for the development of sustainable aquaculture.
- **In the long-term**, the European Commission shall develop an overarching Common Food Policy as proposed by IPES⁶ and in line with the Sustainable Development Strategy proposed by the European Parliament⁷ (resolution 12 May 2016).

The AAC points out that this Recommendation paper is a framework Recommendation aiming at introducing the need for a policy reform. The AAC aims at supplementing it with a more detailed recommendation in the upcoming first half of 2024.

LOCAL & EUROPEAN ELECTIONS – JUNE 2024



Local Councillors

- Water Quality – Local authorities responsibility
- Legislative reform – Single provision of primary legislation

European Parliament MEP's

- Export Controls – Brexit & UK exports; Supports for Market pressures
- EU funding – EMFAF, Blue Economy
- EU Aquaculture Policy – EU Court of Auditors Report & AAC Recommendation to EU Commission



THANK YOU