

Aquaculture Advisory Council

WORKING GROUP 1 “Finfish” Meeting

Wednesday 05 October 2022 (14:00 - 18:00)

Copa-Cogeca – Rue de Treves, 61 – Interpretation available in EN, IT, ES

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Welcome words by the Chair Andrea Fabris (14:00)

1. Adoption of the agenda and last meeting minutes (14:05)

2. Fish Health (14:10)

- **Follow of the AAC recommendation on Fish Parasites (14:10)**
 - Update by **Paolo Caricato (DG SANTE)** via Zoom
 - Exchange of views with the AAC members
- **Health management of farmed fish (14:30)**
 - Presentation of draft TOR for contracting an expert by **Andrea Fabris (Focus group leader)**
 - Discussion with the AAC members, next steps and approval of the TOR
- **EU regulation 2019/04 on medicated feed (14:55)**
 - Presentation of the EC answer received to the AAC letter, by **Andrea Fabris (Chair)**
 - Decision on next steps with the AAC members

3. Sustainability of EU fish farming (15:10)

- **Circularity of fish feed (15:10)**
 - First exchange of views with the AAC members in view of producing a recommendation
 - Decision on the creation of a Focus Group and next steps
- **Decarbonisation in fish farming (use of electricity) (15:25)**
 - First exchange of views with the AAC members in view of producing a recommendation
 - Decision on the creation of a Focus Group and next steps

4. Eels (15:40)

- Update on the AAC letter by **Chair Andrea Fabris**
- Exchange of views with the AAC members and decision on next steps



// COFFEE BREAK 16.00 - 16.15 //

5. Fish Welfare (16.15)

- i. **Understanding consumer views on animal welfare (16:15)**
 - Update on exchanges with DG MARE by the secretariat
- ii. **Improving fish welfare & production through a better understanding of fish behaviour & ethology (16:25)**
 - a) Presentation of the study outline and ongoing work by expert Joao Saraiva (FishEthoGroup)
 - b) Exchange of views with the AAC members
- iii. **AAC Code of Conduct on farmed fish welfare (16:50)**
 - a) Presentation of the draft by Phil Brooke (Focus group leader)
 - b) Exchange of views with the AAC members

6. Domestication in aquaculture (17.15)

- c) Presentation by Dr. Fabrice Telechea (Université de Lorraine) on "Aquaculture breeding and ethics"
- d) Exchange of views with the AAC members on domestication in aquaculture, including the matter of octopus farming, and decision on next steps

7. Working Group Chair and Vice-Chair for 2022-2025 (17.45)

- Reminder of the rules of procedure by the secretariat
- Appointment of the Working Group Chair and Vice-Chair for the period 2022-2025

8. AOB & conclusions (17:55)

