

Aquaculture Advisory Council

WG2 Shellfish Meeting

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Minutes

PARTICIPATION LIST

WG2 MEMBERS

Paul Denekamp (Vice-Chair)

Giulia Malerbi (Aquatic Life Institute),

Andrea Fabris (API),

Phil Brooke (CIWF),

Thibault Pivetta (CNC),

Laurine Tertre (CNC),

Gautier Lannelongue (CNPMEM),

Angeles Longa (Consello Regulador do Mexillón de Galicia),

David Bassett (EATiP),

Bruno Guillaumie (EMPA),

Teresa Morrissey (IFA),

Arthur Fuest (IFOAM),

Ola Öberg (RECIRKFISK)

OTHER PARTICIPANTS

Invited: Quentin Jutard (Argans France – DG MARE Consultant)

Observers: Sarah Horsfall (SAGB), Paloma Carballo Tejero (Spain Ministry for Agriculture)

Secretariat: Cécile Fouquet (AAC Secretariat), Charlotte Musquar (AAC Secretariat)



MEETING AGENDA

Welcome words by the Chair Stéphane Angeri

1. Approval of the agenda and last meeting's minutes
2. Strategic importance of shellfish and algae farming in the EU
3. Good practices in shellfish farming
4. Shellfish farming as a nitrogen sink
5. EMODNET
6. Shellfish health
 - a. Norovirus
 - b. Zoosanitary surveillance systems
7. Molluscan welfare
8. Working Group Chair and Vice-Chair for 2022-2025
9. AOB & conclusions

MEETING MINUTES

Welcome words by the Chair Stephane Angeri

Paul Denekamp (Vice-Chair) welcomed everyone and opened the meeting.

1. Adoption of the agenda and the last meeting minutes (02/06/2022)

The agenda is adopted without any change.

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2. Strategic importance of shellfish and algae farming in the EU

Quentin Jutard (Argans France – DG MARE Consultant) presented the final draft of the study on “Algae, shellfish and nutrients”.

The presentation was followed by an exchange of views with WG2 members.

3. Good practices in shellfish farming

Thibault Pivetta (CNC) presented the results of the study on shellfish health surveillance systems in the EU¹.

¹ <https://aac-europe.org/en/members-area/file-library/send/109-wg-ii/665-results-shellfish-health-surveillance-systems-in-the-eu>



The Vice-Chair recalled that the topic of good practices in shellfish farming is part of the AAC Working Programme (WP) for 2022-2023.

Thibault Pivetta (CNC) was appointed as Focus Group (FG) leader and a call for volunteers will be circulated by e-mail.

4. Shellfish farming as a nitrogen sink

After a short exchange of views on the issue, Bruno Guillaumie (EMPA) was appointed as FG leader. A call for volunteers will be circulated by e-mail.

FG leader Bruno Guillaumie called for NGOs to join, regretting the absence of environmental NGOs in the AAC. **The Vice-Chair** suggested to make a new call for environmental NGOs to join, mentioning the need for input on this topic.

5. EMODNET

The Secretariat gave an update on the exchange with the European Commission (EC), following up on the AAC recommendation on the quality of shellfish waters.

Laurine Tertre (CNC) and Bruno Guillaumie (EMPA) are currently listing all existing obligations for DG MARE. Once this has been done, work will start on how to better the system.

6. Shellfish health

- [Norovirus](#)

The Secretariat presented the draft letter on the discussions of DG SANTE's working group about a regulation concerning norovirus in shellfish prepared by **Audrey Lainé (CNC)**.

The letter was approved by WG2 and will be sent to the EC.

- [Zoosanitary surveillance systems](#)

The issue was covered under Point 3 on the Good practices in shellfish farming.

7. Molluscan welfare

FG leader Paul Denekamp (Vissenbescherming) gave an update on the FG discussions.

The update was followed by an exchange of views and it was suggested to get DG MARE and RTD to work on this issue via EATiP, though it will need to be well contextualised in the larger issue of shellfish farming, which has been pinned as a priority topic by the EC as a form of low-trophic aquaculture. It was also suggested that this FG could become a long-term FG, such as the fish welfare FG in WG1.

FG leader Paul Denekamp will integrate Audrey Lainé's (CNC) comments to the draft questions for the



expert, and a new FG meeting will be fixed.

As for the issue of octopus farming, it will be discussed in WG1.

8. Working Group Chair and Vice-Chair for 2022-2025

The Vice-Chair presented the two candidates for the Chairmanship and Vice-Chairmanship of WG2 for the next three years (2022-2025).

Stéphane Angeri (SENC) was nominated as WG2 Chair.

Paul Denekamp (Vissenbescherming) was nominated as WG2 Vice-Chair.

9. Any other business (AOB) and conclusions

No additional issue was raised under AOB.

The Chair thanked the participants, informed that the next meeting will take place virtually in the afternoon of February 1st, 2023, and closed the meeting.

