

# Aquaculture Advisory Council

## WORKING GROUP 1 “Finfish” Meeting

Tuesday 24 February 2025 (14:00-18:15)

Online via Zoom

Interpretation available in EN, FR, IT, ES

***Draft Agenda v. 10/02/2026***

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

### **1. Adoption of the agenda (14:05)**

### **2. Fish Health (14:10)**

**Use of Biocides (i.e. iodine) (14:10)**

- State of play on the matter by **Niall Gerlitz (DG MARE)**
- Exchange of views with the members and decision on the next steps

**Autologous vaccines availability and connected issues (14:40)**

- State of play on the matter by **Andrea Fabris (Chair)**
- Exchange of views with the members and decision on the next steps

**Follow up on EC replies on the recommendation on fish parasites<sup>1</sup> and medicated feed<sup>2</sup> (15:00)**

- Presentation by **Andrea Fabris (Chair)**
- Exchange of views with the members and decision on the next steps

### **3. Restriction on moving fish from confirmed outbreak of ISA/IHN/VHS (15:10)**

- Presentation of a draft recommendation by **Alain Schonbrodt (FVE)**
- **Exchange of views** with the Working Group members and next steps

- // COFFEE BREAK 15:40 – 15:55 //

### **4. Fish welfare (15:55)**

**Revision of the EU animal welfare legislation (15:55)**

- **Adoption** of the draft recommendation by **Charlotte Epinay** and **Robyn Sahota** (Eurogroup for animals)
- Exchange of views with the Working Group members and decision on next steps

<sup>1</sup> [AAC Recommendation on the re-evaluation of the Risk Assessment of Parasites in Farmed Fish Products](#) & [EC reply](#)

<sup>2</sup> [AAC Recommendation on the Real Impact of the Medicated Feed Regulation and its Implementation in the EU Member States](#) & [EC reply](#)



## Increased funding to support research on species-specific welfare indicators and humane slaughter including the effectiveness of stunning methods in the field (16:25)

- Presentation of the draft recommendation by **Charlotte Epinay and Robyn Sahota** (Eurogroup for animals)
- Exchange of views with the Working Group members and next steps

## 5. EU package on simpler food and feed safety rules (16:55)

- Information on the [package](#) by **Ole Christensen (FEFAC)**
- Exchange of views with the Working Group members and next steps

## 6. Evaluation of the EU Animal Health Law (17:05)

- Presentation on the main findings by **Aleksandra MITEVA (DG SANTE)**
- Exchange of views with the Working Group members and next steps

## 7. Follow up on the ExCom' sturgeon farm visit (17:30)

- Presentation by Paul Denekamp (**Vissenbescherming**)
- Exchange of views with the Working Group members and next steps

## 8. Domestication and diversification of aquaculture species (17:50)

- Update on Focus Group activities by FG leader **Phil Brooke (CIWF)**
- Exchange of views with the Working Group members and next steps

## 9. AOB & Conclusions (18:10)

**End of the meeting: 18:15**

