



The Aquaculture Advisory Council (AAC) is delighted to invite you to a public webinar on:

Improving fish welfare with the “Code of good practices on fish welfare and fish welfare indicators”

Thursday 26 March 2026

 13h00–15h20 CET

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Open to all participants

 **Interpretation** in **English, French, German, Italian** and **Spanish**

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What is the Code of good practices on fish welfare and fish welfare indicators?

The Code was developed as part of the **implementation of the “EU Strategic Guidelines** for a more sustainable and competitive EU aquaculture (2021–2030)”. It complements the Commission’s document on “Good Husbandry Practices for aquaculture”.

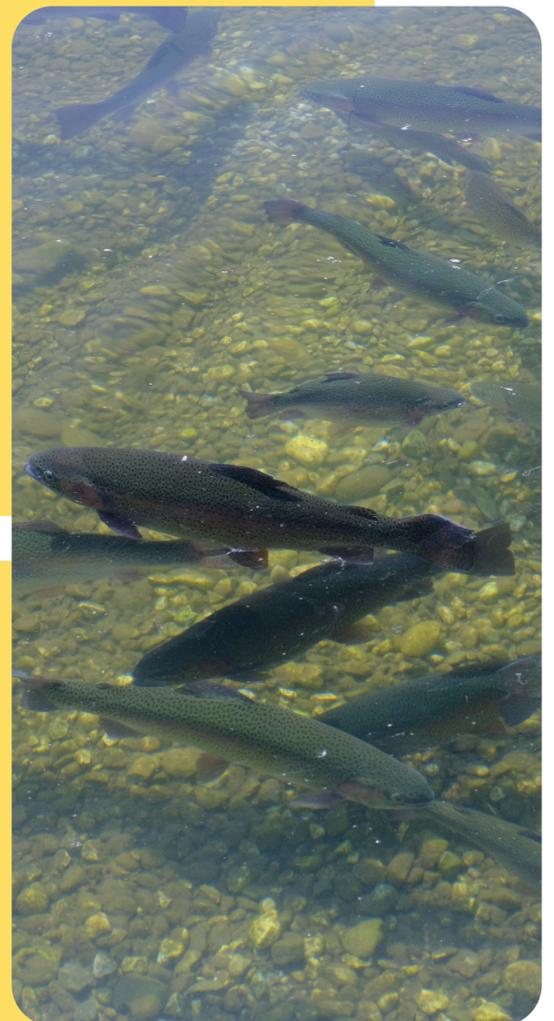
The Code outlines non-species-specific good practices related to key welfare topics and **identifies general welfare indicators** that can be used to monitor and evaluate animal welfare in aquaculture operations. The document is designed to be **practical and accessible for producers**.

Access the Code : [here](#)

Why attend?

This webinar will outline the policy context, introduce the fish welfare indicators and behavioural assessment, and explore how the Code can be applied in practice. By bringing together **scientific expertise** and **industry experience**, it offers a shared space for exchange **among aquaculture producers, public authorities, researchers, NGOs, and other stakeholders**.

In this context, the European Union Reference Centre for Animal Welfare for Aquatic Animals (**EURCAW-Aqua**) plays an important role by assisting the National Competent Authorities in Member States in using animal welfare indicators during official controls.



If you already have questions you would like us to address during the webinar, please send them in advance to secretariat@aac-europe.org





Programme



13:00 – 13:10

Welcome & introduction, *Phil Brooke, Vice-Chair WG1 AAC*

13:10 – 13:25

Policy context of the Code of good practices on fish welfare and fish welfare indicators, *Birgit Van Tongelen, DG MARE*

13:25 – 13:40

Q & A

13:40 – 13:55

Presentation on EURCAW-aqua, covering its activities and planned deliverables, *Francesc Padros, EURCAW-Aqua*

13:55 – 14:10

Q & A

14:10 – 14:25

Scientific perspective: Fish welfare indicators and behavioural assessment, *Pablo Arechavala-Lopez, AAM*

14:25 – 14:40

Q & A

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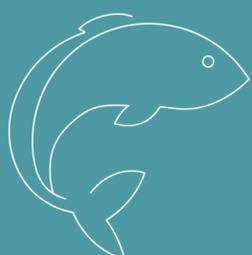
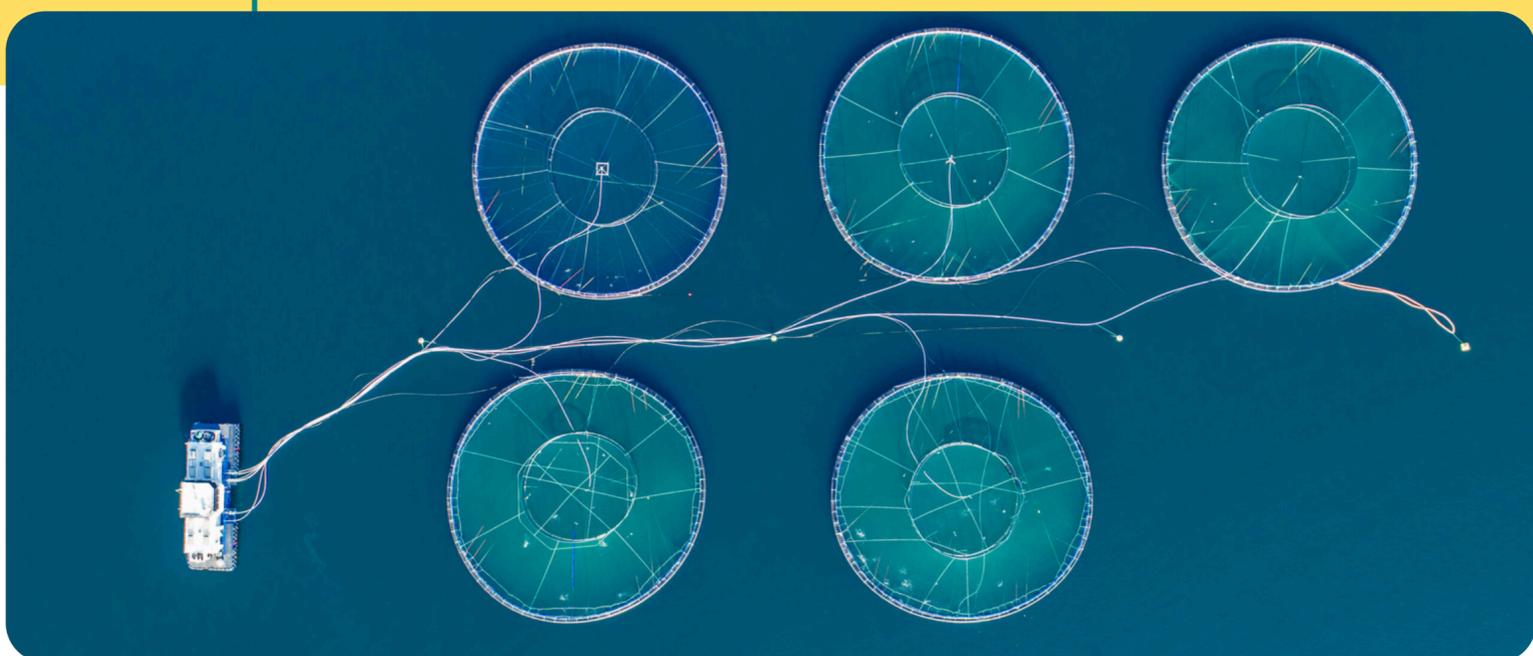
Industry perspective: Applying the Code of good practices on fish welfare and fish welfare indicators in aquaculture operations, *Pablo Xandri, AAM*

14:55 – 15:10

Q & A

15:10 – 15:20

Closing remarks, *Phil Brooke, Vice-Chair WG1 AAC*



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