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What has the AAC worked on this past year?

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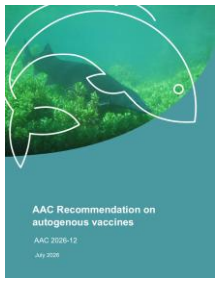

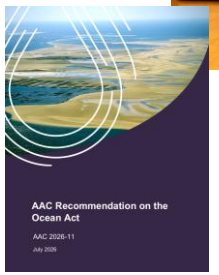

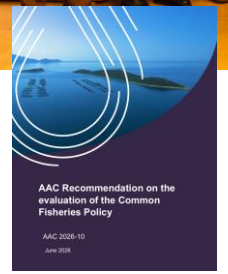

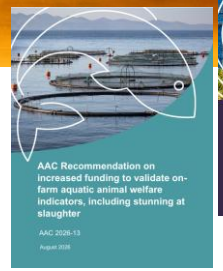

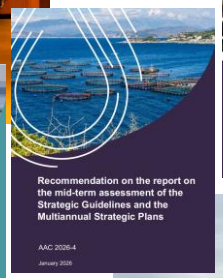

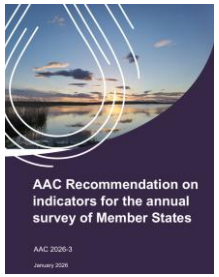

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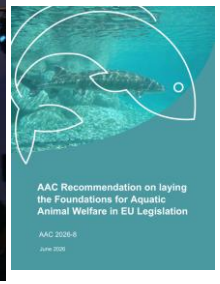

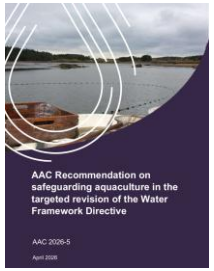

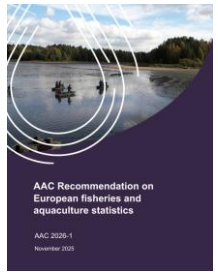

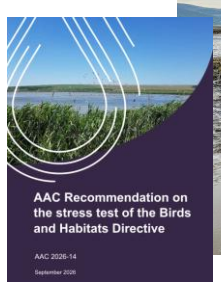

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18 Recommendations in 2025-2026 (21 last year)

14 already adopted

- European fisheries and aquaculture statistics
- HPR-deleted infectious salmon anaemia virus (HPR-deleted ISAV)
- Indicators for the annual survey of Member States
- Report on the mid-term assessment of the Strategic Guidelines and the Multiannual Strategic Plans
- Safeguarding aquaculture in the targeted revision of the Water Framework Directive
- Integrating aquaculture into the EU taxonomy for sustainable investment
- Laying the Foundations for Aquatic Animal Welfare in EU legislation
- Alignment of import requirements on animal welfare for a level-playing field (AAC-MAC)
- Evaluation of the Common Fisheries Policy
- Ocean Act
- Autogenous vaccines
- Increased funding to support research on species-specific welfare indicators and humane slaughter
- Stress test of the Birds and Habitats Directives

+ Ceiling for de minimis State Aid and Crises Mechanisms for Fisheries and Aquaculture (Joint-ACs)

All the recommendations are available in different languages on the AAC website: www.aac-europe.org

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18 Recommendations in 2025-2026 (21 last year)

4 to be adopted

- Restriction on moving fish from confirmed outbreak of ISA/IHN/VHS
- Indicators on economic and social, including animal welfare~~, performances of shellfish aquaculture~~
- ~~Indicators on environmental including animal welfare, performances of shellfish aquaculture~~
- Potentials and constraints in the implementation of restorative aquaculture
- Biocides

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Other policy contributions:

- Public consultation on the Marine Strategy Framework Directive
- Public consultation on the Vision for fisheries and aquaculture in 2040
- AAM studies:

- challenges in the bivalve mollusc sector and ways to address them
- attracting investments for aquaculture
- ecosystem & climate benefits
- predators

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4 official letters:

- **Follow up of recommendations**
- **Recognition of inland aquaculture and animal welfare within the Ocean Pact and the Ocean Board**

+ Continued cooperation with other ACs

CCRUP

- **2 Inter-AC meetings**

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4. AAC work in 2025-2026

- 14 Focus Group virtual meetings to date
- Continuous work not limited to the WG meetings, including with EURCAW-Aqua and DG SANTE

Animal Health

Molluscan welfare

Small-scale aquaculture and its annex

Stress test of Birds and Habitats Directive

Domestication and diversification of aquaculture species

Animal welfare

Restorative aquaculture

Ocean Act

Contaminants in feed

MFF

Indicators on economic and social performances

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4. AAC work in 2025-2026

20 meetings

On top of the "ordinary meetings":

1 ExCom in Dublin

10-year anniversary (Brussels)

2 webinars

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10th anniversary event

2016-2026

WEDNESDAY 10 JUNE

14:00 – 19:00 CET

Palais des Académies
Albert II Auditorium
(Rue Ducale 1
1000 Brussels)

Aquaculture Advisory Council & MAC Market Advisory Council

4. AAC work in 2025-2026

AAC & the EC: a successful partnership

AAC was invited to **high-level meetings by DG MARE**: Implementation dialogue on EU aquaculture Participation to the DG MARE technical seminars and to the AAC webinars and **consulted on strategic documents**

AAC selected as observer to the Ocean Board and member of the Water Resilience Stakeholder Platform

22 answers received to AAC recommendations

EC participation to the AAC meetings

Agenda spot in Technical Meeting with MS aqua experts

Bilateral meetings with Aqua team and Commissioner Kadis

3 answers received to AAC letters

AAC worked with
DG MARE, DG SANTE
& DG ENV

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4. AAC work in 2025-2026

AAC & the Member States : building a strong relationship

More and more presence in all our meetings of national aquaculture experts

Countries and regions renewing their financial support to our work (with Cyprus joining as a new donor)

MS confirmed interest and usefulness of AAC

Constructive debate at the Technical Meeting

New key actions for 2026-2027: one-page recommendation summaries, MS mailing lists updated by DG MARE, and clearer requests for MS feedback in future recommendations.

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