

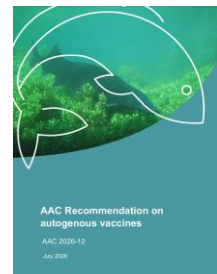
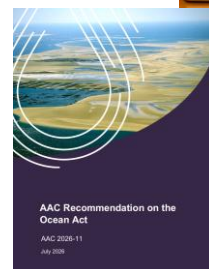
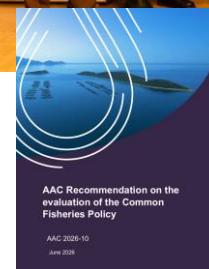
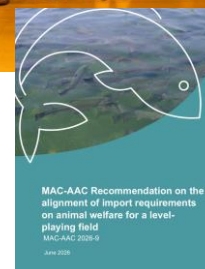
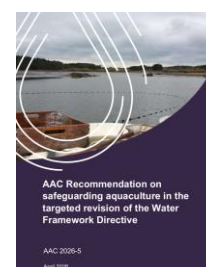
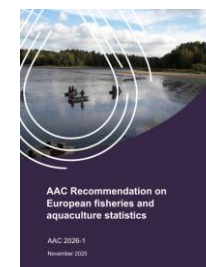
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Looking back

What has the AAC worked on this past year?

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18 Recommendations in 2025-2026 (21 last year)

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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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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. AAC work in 2025-2026

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

- 2 Inter-AC meetings



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- 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

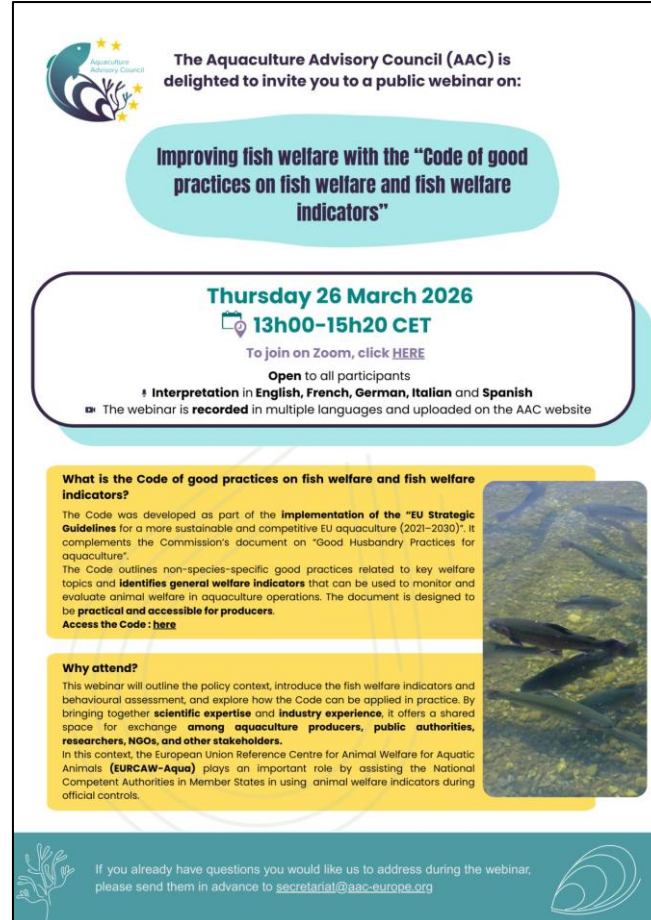
Indicators on economic and
social performances

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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
To join on Zoom, click [HERE](#)

Open to all participants
* Interpretation in English, French, German, Italian and Spanish
* The webinar is recorded in multiple languages and uploaded on the AAC website

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

20 meetings

On top of the "ordinary meetings":

1 ExCom in Dublin

10-year anniversary (Brussels)

2 webinars





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WEDNESDAY
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JUNE
14:00 - 19:00 CET

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





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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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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.