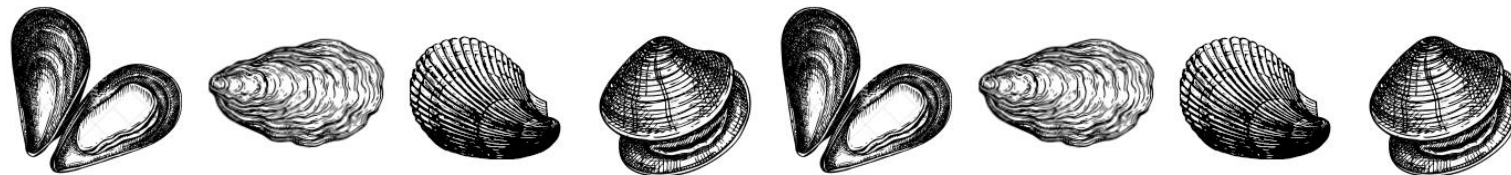




AAC Recommendation

« Good husbandry practices in shellfish farming »

31st May 2023



Introduction

Definitions & Recommendation Framework:

- « Good practices » → Based on first elements of definitions provided by the DGMARE
→ « Good husbandry practices » : **Public and Animal Health**

Background:

- Reminder of European **Public and Animal health issues for Shellfish farming**
- Remind that good practices **already exist** and are an **integral part** of our European production methods

Conditions for acceptance of good shellfish farming practices by professionals:

- *Do not impose additional regulations that are not relevant to European production systems based on this single recommendation for shellfish farming.*
- *Adapt the practices for those practices to the specificity of the multiple production systems.*

OBJECTIVES

1- Assist the EC in defining what could constitute "good shellfish farming practices" in terms of public and animal health, using concrete existing practices:

2- Identify the other main categories of "good husbandry practices in shellfish farming" that the EC should identify :
environmental - social - economic - etc.

Methodology

I- State of the art in each Member State on good husbandry practices (*information provided by FG members*).

⇒ Presentation of “good practices” **in the sector**, highlighting the identified needs or gaps (**Health and Animal Health**) to help the Commission to better define “Good **husbandry** practices”.

How ? Collection of good husbandry practices from professional representatives or experts on sanitary and zoosanitary issues, from shellfish farmers and operators etc.

Since the EXCOM, new evidence have suggested that this recommendation could also explain the “benefits and services provided” by shellfish farming.

→ Given the **scope of our work and our timetable**, we did not have enough time to be exhaustive on all the topics relative to other “Good Practices”.

How ? Summarize the main other types of Good practices such as Environmental/ socio economics, etc. from the previous AAC Recommendations.

Planning

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Feedback on Focus Group participations

➤ Focus Group Meetings:

Participation of the WG2 participants.

➤ Contribution from producers & breeders:

> Producer : **4 feedbacks (France)** : *CRC BN, CRC BS, CRC NMN, CRC PDL*

> Breeder : **1 contribution (France)** : *France Naissain*

➤ Invitations to experts on behalf of FG members :

> **0 contribution/sollicitation.**

1- Presentation of the identified Good husbandry Practices in shellfish farming

Presentation of the recommendation



2- OTHER GOOD PRACTICES

Other Good Practices in shellfish farming exist and are part of more general themes :

“benefits and services provided”

Ecosystem Services
(Nitrogen sink/ Carbon sequestration / Water purification)

- Valuing ecosystem services
- Quantification (Research)

Aquaculture
Vessel
Decarbonation

ENVIRONMENTAL GOOD PRACTICES :

SOCIAL GOOD PRACTICES :

ECONOMICAL GOOD PRACTICES:

Good
management of
aquaculture gears

Climate Change
adaptation

Control for marine
ecosystems

Attracting
Shellfish Farmers

AAC Recommendations

Recommendations proposals:

- The AAC stresses the **need to identify "good husbandry practices" specific to shellfish farmers separately from those of fish farmers**, as the latter do not share the same requirements in terms of **animal welfare and sanitary and zoosanitary constraints** as shellfish farmers.
- The AAC strongly encourages that "good husbandry practices in shellfish farming" be clearly defined further upstream, by specifying other, more precise types of "good practices" (environmental, social, etc.) in the next revision of the Common Fisheries Policy or for or preferably, during the next Common Aquaculture Policy mentioned in the last AAC letter.
- The AAC suggests that it be asked to contribute to these other "Good practices" definitions, through **new recommendations**, .
- The AAC draws the Commission's attention to its **previous recommendations to better define the "good practices"**
- The AAC suggests to strengthen the inclusion of some professional's Good Practices mentioned advice for the Public and Animal Health for the next revision of the surveillance system.

Final Step

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1st FG Meeting establishing the Framework and demand from the Commission

French subgroup
Identification of the practices

2nd FG Meeting

1st Validation of the abstract ✓

Validation of the main sections of the Recommendation by end of June

Questions and remarks

AAC Recommendation last version available [HERE](#)





THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION !

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