



“Aquaculture in the Reform of the Common Fisheries Policy”

Wednesday 7 March 2012

12:00 – 14:30

Room A5G2

European Parliament, Brussels

AGENDA

Chaired by:

MEP Pat the Cope Gallagher, Chair of the “*Fisheries and Aquaculture*” Group of the EP Intergroup “*Climate Change, Biodiversity and Sustainable Development*”

MEP Struan Stevenson, Chair of the EP Intergroup “*Climate Change, Biodiversity and Sustainable Development*”

According to the FAO, aquaculture production worldwide has increased significantly, representing in 2008 37% of the fishery products produced. Europe is the top global market for seafood products, but depends on imports at 65% of its needs. EU aquaculture is in stagnation, with an increase of only 0.5% since 2001.

Commissioner Maria Damanaki has promised support to boost the development of aquaculture in the EU. With three EP legislative reports - the basic regulation, the Common Organization of the Market and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund - impacting on aquaculture, it is the right time to discuss key issues such as competitiveness, level playing field, labeling, communication, provision of benchmarking and socio-economic information, the carbon footprint and the future European Advisory Council for Aquaculture.

The conference will give the opportunity to the Members of the European Parliament to hear the views of the aquaculture sector and discuss ways forward.





12.00-12.30: Buffet lunch in front of the meeting room (A5G2)

Opening session

12.30-12.40 Welcoming words and introduction by the Chairs

12.40-12.50 Opening statement by Maria Damanaki, Commissioner for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries

Presentations and Debate with the audience

12.50-13.10 What does the profession expect from the CFP?
Arnault Chaperon, President of the Federation of European Aquaculture Producers (FEAP)

Richie Flynn, President of the European Mollusc Producers' Association (EMPA)

13.10-13.20 Our vision of the sector
Courtney Hough, General Secretary of FEAP and the European Aquaculture Technology and Innovation Platform (EATIP)

13.20-13.30 FIFO & Carbon Footprint
Prof. Sachi Kaushik, INRA

13.30-13.40 Level-Playing Field for the profession
Gustavo Larrazabal, President of EATIP

13.40-14.20 Reactions from the floor and exchange of views

Closing Session

14.20-14.30 Conclusions by the Chairs