# UDARAS SEAWEED SEMINAR 15<sup>TH</sup> JAN 2020

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- Consolidated group representing all secto
  - Fish
  - Shellfish
  - Seaweeds
- Restructured Levy payment system base
- •Innovative approach in representing the interests and concerns of the aquaculture industry in Ireland
- •Supporting improvement and development of the Irish aquaculture industry
- Protection of Irish indigenous aquaculture industry including Seaweed industry
- Promoting positive aspects of Irish aquaculture Seaweed industry vital part of this
- •Strong industry representation nationally and internationally lobbying activities





#### REPRESENTATION

- International / EU
- Aquaculture Advisory Council (AAC)
- European Mollusc Producers Association (EMPA)
- Federation of European Aquaculture Producers (FEAP)
- International Salmon Farmers Association (ISFA)
- Bluefish Project Advisory group collaboration between Ireland & Wales









#### National

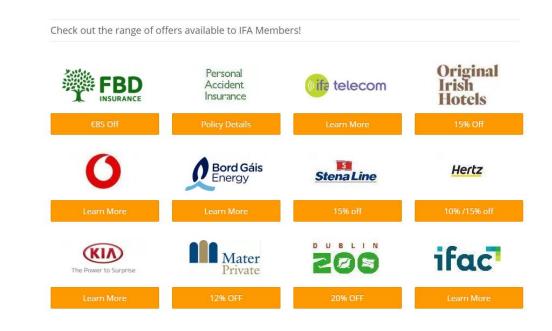
- Marine Spatial Planning Advisory group
- Molluscan Shellfish Safety Committee (MSSC)
- Bottom Mussel forum
- EMMF Operational Programme Monitoring Committee
- Certified Quality Aquaculture (CQA) Oversight Board
- Aquabusiness Steering group





#### IFA MEMBERSHIP SERVICES

- •Full support of the wider IFA organisation
- Professional representative & support services
- •Specialist services legal advice service related to your farming business
- •IFA Membership Benefits savings for IFA members, helping to reduce both farm business and home costs.





### OPPORTUNITIES FOR SEAWEED INDUSTRY

- Benefits of Irish Seaweed industry:
- New technologies & developments in aquaculture practices Integrated Multi-trophic Aquaculture; alternative sustainable feed sources for fish farming e.g. algal oil
- Innovative multi-uses for Seaweed food source & nutritional value, animal feed & fertiliser properties, cosmetic properties
- •EU Green Deal & Farm to Fork initiative Sustainable EU Aquaculture
  - Increasing global demand for seafood Sustainable sources of protein
  - Potential for the carbon sequestration value of Seaweed cultivation Carbon credits
  - Animal feed uses reduction of methane emissions from Livestock

> Huge Role to play for Seaweed Industry!



### TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT

- •Training for seaweed harvesters in conjunction with BIM already took place in Clew Bay recently
- •Strengthen the case for individual seaweed cultivators/harvesters applying for foreshore licenses for harvesting seaweed Retain resource locally
- •Aquabusiness Higher Diploma course IT Carlow supported by BIM & IFA
  - Beneficial to all sectors of Aquaculture
  - Economics; Law & Regulation; Financial Management/Planning; Marketing; Project work
- •Qualifications and training could be considered in the aquaculture license application process in all the sectors shows applicant has viable interest in long term activity in the sector



#### SUPPORT FOR SEAWEED INDUSTRY

- •IFA Aquaculture supports growth of viable Seaweed industry new element for IFA
- •Create links between Seaweed industry & Agriculture IFA Environment section & Smart Farming Programme
- •National Marine Planning Framework public consultation process ongoing until 28<sup>th</sup> Feb possible implications from the forthcoming Marine Spatial Planning Bill
- Monitoring licensing policy relating to seaweed harvesting/aquaculture need input
   from seaweed industry
- •Contribution to the formulation of a workable policy for seaweed harvesting/aquaculture EU & National level need input from seaweed industry



## FURTHER ENGAGEMENT

- Ensure realisation of socio-economic potential and sustainable future of the Irish aquaculture industry — Seaweed is integral part of this
- IFA Aquaculture believes in the future of rural coastal communities
- Seaweed industry imperative for sustaining the vitality of these communities
- Need Input from Seaweed industry harvesters/cultivators Re: priorities for policy related to seaweed



## THANK YOU