

# UDARAS SEAWEED SEMINAR

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# IFA AQUACULTURE — N

- Consolidated group representing all sectors
  - Fish
  - Shellfish
  - Seaweeds
- Restructured Levy payment system – based on
- 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



INTERNATIONAL SALMON FARMERS ASSOCIATION



- 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
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# 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