

# Collaborative sustainable growth in the aquaculture sector

5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> of June 2023

Edinburgh, Scotland — Radisson Blu Hotel, Edinburgh City Centre, 80 High Street, The Royal Mile



## Monday 5<sup>th</sup> of June

**11:30 CHECK-IN AND COFFEE**

**12:30 LUNCH**

### 13:30 INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME

Focusing on **Supporting sustainable growth within aquaculture through collaboration**, Kristian Henriksen, Cluster Manager of NCE Aquatech Cluster will open the conference.

**Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs and Islands, Mairi Gougeon**, will introduce **Scotland's aquaculture vision**, followed by **The Norwegian State Secretary Kristina Sigurdottir Hansen**, Ministry of Trade, Industry and Fisheries, will give a talk with focus on **Aquaculture in Norway**.

**CEO of Salmon Scotland Tavish Scott** sums up the introduction with a view on **Sector wide involvement: Collaboration for a sustainable sector**.

**14:50 COFFEE BREAK**

### 15:20 REGULATORY FRAMEWORK

**Professor Russel Griggs** gives us a short introduction to the **independent regulatory framework for Scottish Aquaculture**, followed by a presentation on the **recent eDNA development** and associated possibilities by **Michael Redford**, Ocean Ecology.

### 16:00 A FARMERS PERSPECTIVE

**Ian Laister**, Managing Director, Bakkafrost Scotland gives us their view on **Investment strategy and encompassing sustainability within our own operations** before **Clara McGhee**, Area Manager, **Mowi**, gives us a **farmers perspective** of aquaculture in Scotland.

Further, we will get a view of the sector for the next 50 years, before focus will be put on aquaculture and the community perspective.

To sum it all up **Keith Drynan**, **AquaGen Scotland** sets the agenda on how to create sustainable value from the beginning by talking about innovation in genetics and egg production.

**18:00 END DAY 1 OFFICIAL PROGRAMME**

**19:00 RECEPTION DINNER AT NATIONAL MUSEUM OF SCOTLAND**

## Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> of June

**08:30 CHECK-IN AND COFFEE**

**09:00 WELCOME DAY TWO**

### 09:10 SUSTAINABLE AQUACULTURE

How do input factors like eggs, feed and vaccines impact the sustainability of aquaculture, and how do farmers decide among suppliers in terms of sustainability. The first panel of the day, with **Heather Jones (SAIC)**, **Catarina Martins (Mowi)**, **Paddy Campbell (Biomar)**, **TBA (Benchmark Genetics)** and **Ben North (Pharmaq)**, will give us insights to some of these questions.

**10:10 COFFEE BREAK**

### 10:30 TRADITIONAL PRODUCTION METHODS

In a world with an ever-growing focus on new production methods for aquaculture, how does the future for the traditional methods look? Are we transitioning to a future with closed or offshore farming or do the traditional net pen still have its value? The second panel of the day, with **Hanne Digre (ScaleAQ)**, **Don Fowler (AKVA Group)**, **Herve Miguad (Mowi)**, **Alex MacInnes (Organic Sea Harvest)** and **Ragnhild Hollup (Optoscale)**, will give us their view on the future for sustainable farming with traditional production methods.

**11:20 COFFEE BREAK**

### 11:40 NEW TECHNOLOGY

Is the future only closed and offshore production systems? And how «close to market» are those technologies? Are these technologies replacement for the traditional net pen, or a supplement that enables further growth?

Our final panel of the day will give us their insights on offshore farming, closed at sea and landbased production systems.

### 12:30 SUMMARY FROM PANEL DISCUSSIONS

Atholl Duncan, Chairman, Salmon Scotland

### 12:45 CLOSING REMARKS

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**13:00 END OF CONFERENCE, LUNCH AND SAFE TRAVEL**