

Focus Group: Aquatic Animal Policy (AAP)

Mission and Structure

The mission of the Aquatic Animal Policy focus group (AAP) is to improve the welfare of aquatic animals used for human consumption, by advancing the interests of farmed and wild-caught aquatic animals worldwide through our legal and governmental systems.

Improving the health and well-being of aquatic animals around the globe requires a multi-pronged and collaborative approach, hence the Aquatic Animal Policy focus group utilizes the network of its members/experts to capitalize on policy opportunities, and to form unified asks.

The Aquatic Animal Policy focus group is housed under the Aquatic Animal Alliance (AAA), and it's free to join.

Member Involvement and Responsibilities

- Support Aquatic Life Institute recommendations on animal welfare;
- Contribute to legislative and policy initiative pursuits/development;
- Access the AAP Slack channel;
- Attend bi-monthly meetings;
- Share any opportunities fit for AAP engagement;
- Provide feedback on how to improve the AAP;
- Refer one new member to the AAP annually.

Types of interventions (*Global & Country level*)

- Welfare Legislation
- Sentience Legislation
- Alternative protein support
- Farming bans
 - Insect farming ban
- Trade legislation

Categories of animals

- Fish (farmed and wild)
- Shrimps (farmed and wild)
- Octopus (farmed)
- Insects used for feed (farmed)

Communication

- Regularly share feedback/policy inputs/opportunities on the slack channel;
- Communication through emails for major projects;
- Hold bi-monthly meetings.

Meeting structure

- Shared agenda in advance of the meeting (ideally 1 week before);
 - Members can add topics to the agenda
- If members have questions for the AAP, send them in advance (ideally 1 week before);
- The bi-monthly meeting will be canceled if no items are on the agenda.

Duration of Term

- 1 year with the opportunity to renew annually

Aquatic Life Institute point person

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