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# Aquaculture appraisal: The GOAL audience polls

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## What sector of the seafood business are you in?

(67 Votes)

Producer 25%

Supplier 30%



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Buyer 19%

Government/Institutional 7%

Other (Finance, Academic, NGO) 18%

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## In which continent do you primarily do business?

(73 Votes)

Asia & Australia 18%

Europe 11%

**North America 66%**

Central & South America 5%

Africa 0%

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## Which is the primary species of your business?

(65 Votes)

**Crustaceans 40%**

Salmonids 26%

Marine Finfish 17%

Freshwater Finfish 15%

Bivalves 2%

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## What is the most important challenge limiting aquaculture?

(115 Votes)

**Health & Disease Management 47%**

Feed 5%

Environmental/Social 20%

Leadership/Invest/Market 6%

Education 22%

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## What's the likelihood of controlling EMS?

(114 Votes)

No improvement in control 0%

Slight improvement 16%

**Moderate improvement 50%**

Strong improvement 34%

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## **What's your opinion about online education for aquaculture?**

(126 Votes)

Not needed 1%

**Efficient to reach audience 74%**

Unlikely to be used by farmers 16%

Mainly useful for academics 10%

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## **Take on WHO antibiotics critical importance to human health?**

(128 Votes)

Allow use 5%

Ban use 18%

**Judicious use with vet 77%**

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## What will be the likely role of fishmeal in aquaculture?

(132 Votes)

Required at moderate levels 39%

**Limited to critical aqua diets 52%**

Eliminated in all diets 8%

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## Do consumers care about sustainability?

(101 Votes)

They don't care 8%

**They care somewhat 62%**

They trust retailers 19%

They care a lot 11%

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## Next year's issue will be...

(99 Votes)

Chemical, antibiotics use 20%

**Social welfare 38%**

A new issue 12%

All of the above 29%

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## **GSSI (the Global Sustainable Seafood Initiative) recently launched its benchmark tool...**

(101 Votes)

This will be a game changer 24%

**Good but nothing will change 43%**

GSSI is not needed 10%

Too many acronyms! 24%

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## **What grade would you give industry for consumer education?**

(126 Votes)

A 1%

B 6%

C 27%

**D 51%**

F 15%

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## **My community is accepting of aquaculture in its waters.**

(117 Votes)

Agree 15%

**Somewhat agree 47%**

Disagree 38%

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## **NIMBY (not in my back yard) remains an obstacle for aquaculture development.**

(111 Votes)

**Agree 68%**

Somewhat agree 29%

Disagree 4%

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## **Will animal welfare come into the fore next year?**

(125 Votes)

**Yes 53%**

No 47%

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## **Is the Shrimp Sustainable Supply Chain Task Force a viable solution?**

(121 Votes)

Yes 31%

No 10%

**Maybe 60%**

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## What progress has been made on social issues in two years?

(112 Votes)

None, it has increased 1%

None 5%

**Marginal gains 71%**

Significant gains 23%

Problem largely fixed 0%

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## Industry's best approach to labor issues is:

(126 Votes)

Replace fishmeal in aquafeeds 5%

More effective government regulations 15%

Encourage national boycotts 1%

**Better understand supply chain 52%**



Back FIPs, VIPs, certification 27%

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