

ENGLISH AQUACULTURE INNOVATION CENTRE

The UK aquaculture sector is predicted to grow faster than the UK economy over the next 10 years to reach a value of **£945 Million by 2030**.

The English aquaculture sector lags behind the Scottish sector significantly but, with the recent release of the National English Aquaculture Strategy, has ambitions to **grow production 10 fold over the next 20 years**.

The English sector will need to develop novel species, cultivation techniques and mitigate for climate change to reach this target.

An **English Aquaculture Innovation Centre**, highlighted as a critical priority in the National Strategy and in the **Dorset Mariculture Strategy** can provide support for the sector as it grows.

It will **drive sustainable development**, create well paid, highly skilled jobs and **deliver economic recovery** in England's coastal communities.

AQUACULTURE PARKS (PRE-CONSENTED ZONES)

One of the biggest failures of new entrants to the aquaculture sector is attempting to acquire relevant licensing and permissions to develop their business. **The current system is:**

- **Expensive**
- **Time consuming**
- **Complex**

Multiple agencies and organisations are involved in granting permissions to develop an aquaculture business and this places a huge **administrative burden on companies**.

Aquaculture Parks are areas where a single organisation holds relevant licensing and permissions to develop aquaculture. Plots are then sub-leased to businesses.

Aquaculture Parks will:

- **Reduce commercial risk**
- **Simplify license application processes**
- **Reduce business start-up costs**
- **Encourage new entrants**
- **Enable innovation**