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Trout

- Aquasearch Ova – Denmark – represented by Torben Nielsen
- Browwell Fisheries – United Kingdom - represented by Jonathan Jowett
- Viviers de France – France - represented by Marie Forraz and Fred Cachelou

Salmon

- Bolaks AS – Norway – represented by Erik Sørheim

Cod

- Profunda AS – Norway – represented by Helge Ressem

Seabass & seabream

- Andromeda SA – Greece – represented by Panos Kolios and Nikos Katribouzas
- Ferme Marine de Douhet SA – France – represented by Jean-Sebastien Bruant
- Panittica Pugliese Srl. – Italy – represented by Massimo Caggiano
- Tinamenor ASA – Spain – represented by Soledad Álvarez Guerra and Carlos Mazorra
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It has been written by the authors cited for each section, while editing was made by Grete Baeverfjord, Synnøve Helland and Courtney Hough.

Its goal is to assure awareness of the different issues and conditions encountered within this specialised and important component of European fish farming and to promote best practice throughout the sector.

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