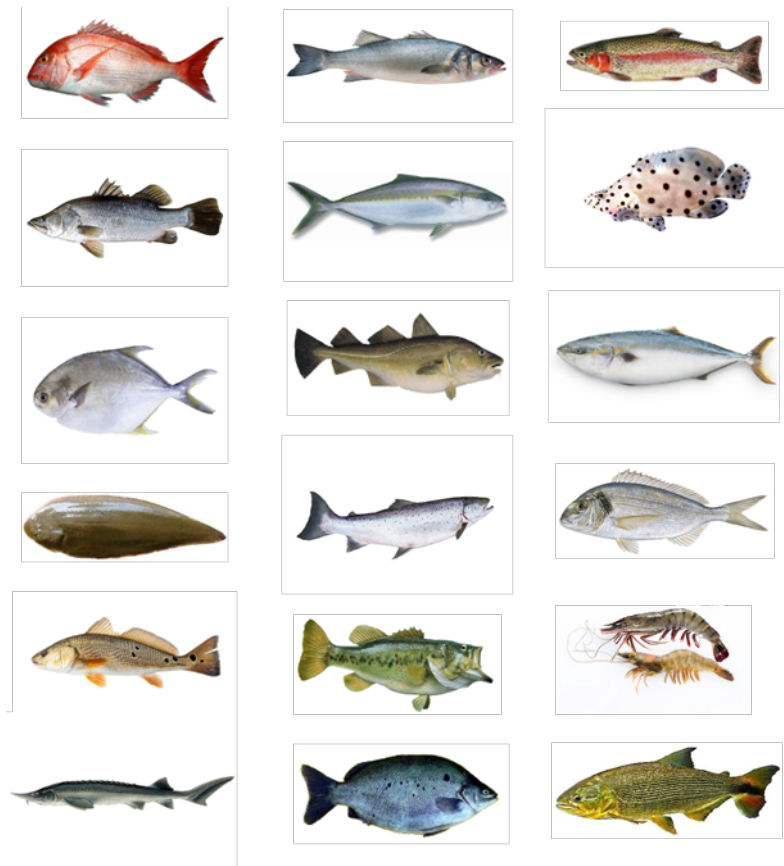




Fishmeal and fish oil-free aquafeeds:

A basic bibliography of studies highlighting carnivorous species
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Overview

The following bibliography lists papers that center attention on replacing dietary fishmeal and fish oil from aquafeeds of carnivorous fishes. Each document provides strong evidence to support the contention that aquacultured carnivores do not require marine resources as essential components of their diet. Rather, it is the balance of essential nutrients, and ensuring that nutritional requirements are met that matters and, as attested by hundreds of studies, an ever-increasing list of alternative ingredients can satisfy these demands. The noted papers are not necessarily the definitive references for a particular species, but they serve to provide entry into appropriate literature while also highlighting the wide variety of successful trials with marine resource-free diets. For convenience the listing commences with freshwater fishes, moves on to cultured marine teleosts and finishes with papers that deal with crustaceans. Contributions from f3fin collaborators (f3fin.org) are highlighted in bold.

Rainbow trout

Rainbow trout, a species originating from the Pacific drainages of North America, has been introduced into waters on every continent except Antarctica. It has been cultured since the 18th century and is now farmed in over 70 countries with current production at around 900,000 tonnes per annum. Trout are harvested as portion and large sizes (400-5000g) and strains are now available that readily accept plant-based diets. Indeed, fishmeal and fish oil-free rainbow trout are already sold commercially in the North America and Europe.

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Largemouth bass

Global aquaculture production of largemouth bass closes in on 450,000 tonnes. Although farmed in half a dozen countries, it is China that accounts for over 95% of the output. This is extraordinary since fish were only introduced in the 1980s and have started to supplant tilapia as a favored farmed fish due to its value and market potential.

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Yellowtails

Yellowtail, or amberjack culture commenced in Japan during the 1920s when captive juveniles were held in coastal enclosures and fattened until large enough for the plate. Today, Japan produces around 150,000 tonnes which makes it one of their most cultivated fishes. Interest in the farming of other species has grown considerably and include Californian yellowtail and greater amberjack. Commercial activity with hatchery-produced fish has commenced in Hawai'i and Malta and interest has been shown by companies in Spain, Greece and elsewhere.

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Red drum and Pompano

Pompano production globally exceeds 170,000 tonnes with the top producer being China. Other Asian producers, including those in India, Malaysia, Viet Nam, Indonesia, and the Philippines, have increased production of various of the 21 recognized species. Florida pompano has been identified as a species of interest for US aquaculture which is not too surprising given its market value and excellent characteristics as a candidate. Red drum is farmed commercially in Texas, Florida, and Louisiana while other southern states evaluate the animal's potential. Production of red drum, which stands at around 80,000 tonnes globally, is also practiced in China, Mexico, and Israel.

Suehs, B., Alfrey, K., Barrows, F., Gatlin, D.M. III (2022). Evaluation of growth performance, condition indices and body composition of juvenile red drum (*Sciaenops ocellatus*) fed fishmeal- and fish-oil-free diets. *Aquaculture* 551, 737961.

Alfrey, K.B., Gatlin, D.M. III, Barrows, F.T. and McLean, E. (2022). Assessment of open-source, fish-free diets for pompano, *Trachinotus carolinus* (Perciformes, Carangidae), under hyposaline conditions. *Aquacult Res*, in press.

Riche, M., Barrows, F.T., Nilles, Z., Alfrey, K. B., Wills, P. S. (2022). Replacement of fish oil with a high DHA algal oil in a fishmeal-free diet fed to Florida pompano *Trachinotus carolinus*. *Aquaculture*, accepted.

Asian seabass-Barramundi

Approximately 100,000 tonnes of barramundi are produced annually with farms in Australia, Malaysia, Thailand, Taiwan, the US, and even Switzerland. At \$16-20 per kg with firm white flesh, the popularity of barramundi has increased rapidly and due to its adaptability to various farming systems and low salinities the species offers considerable potential. First farmed in Thailand during the 1970s, nutritional research has demonstrated the potential of the species to accept marine resource-free diets.

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Hong, Y.C., Chu, J.H., Kirby, R., Sheen, S.S., Chien, A. (2021). The effects of replacing fish meal protein with a mixture of poultry by-product meal and fermented soybean meal on the growth performance and tissue nutritional composition of Asian seabass (*Lates calcarifer*). *Aquacult Res* 52, 4105-4115.

Cobia

Cobia is a fast-growing large marine pelagic that can attain 68 kg in weight. Their high-quality flesh has made them an excellent candidate species and presently commercial operations are ongoing in the US, Mexico, Belize, and Panama as well as Taiwan, China, and Vietnam. The species was one of the first marine carnivores in which success was achieved in completely replacing dietary fishmeal with plant proteins. Production in 2020 was approximately 53,000 tonnes.

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Salze, G., McLean, E., Battle, P.R., Schwartz, M.H., Craig, S.R. (2010). Use of soy protein concentrate and novel ingredients in the total elimination of fish meal and fish oil in diets for juvenile cobia, *Rachycentron canadum*. *Aquaculture* 298, 294-299. (fish oil included)

Red and gilthead sea bream and European sea bass

Gilthead seabream (GHS) is mainly produced in the Mediterranean and farm landings approach 260,00 tonnes per year. GHS has been produced using organically certified feeds with a production cost of around 8.60 €/kg. European sea bass (ESB) has been farmed in cages since the 1980s and in 2018, production stood at 235,000 tonnes with the major proportion of farmed ESB being derived from Turkey and Greece. Red sea bream (RSB) production in Japan stands above 65,000 tonnes, second only to yellowtail. Several trials have illustrated RSB ability to accept marine resource-free diets using a variety of alternative proteins and oils.

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Seong, T., Kitagima, R., Haga, Y., Satoh, S. (2020). Non-fish meal, non-fish oil diet development for red sea bream, *Pagrus major*, with plant protein and graded levels of *Schizochytrium* sp.: Effect on growth and fatty acid composition. *Aquacult. Nutr.* 26, 1173-1185.

Solé-Jiménez, P., Naya-Català, F., Piazzon, M.C., Estensoro, I., Calduch-Giner, J.A., Sitjà-Bobadilla, A., van Mullem, D., Pérez-Sánchez, J. (2021). Reshaping of gut microbiota in gilthead sea bream fed microbial and processed animal proteins as the main dietary protein source. *Front. Mar. Sci.* 8, 705041.

Seong, T., Uno, Y., Kitagima, R., Kabeya, N., Haga, Y., Satoh, S. (2021). Microalgae as main ingredient for fish feed: Non-fish meal and non-fish oil diet development for red sea bream, *Pagrus major*, by blending of microalgae *Nannochloropsis*, *Chlorella* and *Schizochytrium*. *Aquacult Res.* 52, 6025-6036.



Atlantic salmon

Around 2 million tonnes of salmon are farmed each year with most of the production being in two countries: Norway and Chile, but large quantities coming from Canada and Scotland. The salmon feed industry has reduced its fishmeal (65→18%) and fish oil (24→11%) usage substantially since the mid-1990s by increasing the use of by-products, novel oils and improving feed conversion efficiencies. Yet, due to its size, the industry still takes the lion's share of global fishmeal production – around 23%, and 60% of all fish oil. A building body of evidence reveals that salmon can thrive off of available alternatives.

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Kousoulaki, K., Sveen, L., Norén, F., Espmark, Å. (2022). Atlantic salmon (*Salmo salar*) performance fed low trophic ingredients in a fish meal and fish oil free diet. *Front. Physiol.* 13, 884740. doi.org/10.3389/fphys.2022.884740.

Miscellaneous species

The importance underlying the drive to replace the increasingly scarce and expensive fishmeal and fish oil component from aquafeeds is no better emphasized by the fact that dozens more species than those normally encountered, have been assessed for their responsiveness to such substitutions. These include freshwater, brackish, and marine examples and fish known and uncommon. Although varying degrees of success have been reported, each species examined responded positively, albeit with some expressing decreased growth performance.

Shapawi, R., Ng, W.-K., Mustafa, S. (2007). Replacement of fish meal with poultry by-product meal in diets formulated for the humpback grouper, *Cromileptes altivelis*. *Aquaculture* 273, 118-126.

Hansen, A., Rosenlund, G., Karlsen, O., Koppe, W., Hemre, G.-I. (2007). Total replacement of fish meal with plant proteins in diets for Atlantic cod (*Gadus morhua* L.) I - effects on growth and protein retention. *Aquaculture*, 272, 599-611.

Silva, J., Espe, M., Conceição, L., Dias, J., Valente, L. (2009). Senegalese sole juveniles (*Solea senegalensis* Kaup, 1858) grow equally well on diets devoid of fish meal provided the dietary amino acids are balanced. *Aquaculture*, 296, 309-317.

Zhu, H., Gong, G., Wang, J., Wu, X., Xue, M., Niu, C., Guo, Y. (2011). Replacement of fish meal with a blend of rendered animal protein in diets for Siberian sturgeon (*Acipenser baerii* Brandt), results in performance equal to fish meal fed fish. *Aquacult Nutr* 17, e389-e395.

Hansen, A., Hemre, G.-I. (2013). Effects of replacing fish meal and oil with plant resources in on-growing diets for Atlantic cod *Gadus morhua* L. *Aquacult. Nutr.* 19, 641-650.

Van Hoestenbergh, S., Fransmann, C.A., Luyten, T., Vermeulen, D., Roelants, I., Buysens, S., Goddeeris, B.M. (2016). *Schizochytrium* as a replacement for fish oil in a fishmeal free diet for jade perch, *Scortum barcoo* (McCulloch & Waite). *Aquacult. Res.* 47, 1747-1760.

Li, X., Qin, C., Fang, Z., Sun, X., Shi, H., Wang, Q., Zhao, H. (2022) Replacing dietary fish meal with defatted black soldier fly (*Hermetia illucens*) larvae meal affected growth, digestive physiology and muscle quality of tongue sole (*Cynoglossus semilaevis*). *Front. Physiol.* 13, 855957. doi: 10.3389/fphys.2022.855957.

Lorez, E.K., Sabioni, R.E., Volkoff, H., Cyrino, J.E.P. (2022). Growth performance, health, and gene expression of appetite-regulating hormones in Dourado *Salminus brasiliensis*, fed vegetable-based diets supplemented with swine liver hydrolysate. *Aquaculture* 548, Pt. 2, 737640.

Tiger and Pacific whiteleg shrimp

On a production basis, shrimp feeds are the number one user of fishmeal and fish oil yet numerous studies have demonstrated the lack of effect of marine resource-free diets on the growth of black tiger prawns and Pacific whiteleg shrimp. Moreover, alternative ingredient-based diets do not impact consumer acceptance, color or resistance to disease when challenged with known pathogens. Trials from the laboratory have been transferred to commercial-sized ponds with considerable success.

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