

Exploring the latest developments in fish nutrition







Marine ingredients, such as fishmeal and fish oil, have a vital contribution to the growth and health of farmed fish, providing essential nutrients, minerals and vitamins, which are then passed onto humans.



As a finite resource, we need to fully understand the properties of marine ingredients and their role in fish health. This means looking beyond the well-known nutrients to help ensure their optimal strategic use.









FISH GROWTH AND HEALTH

MARINE OSMOLYTES

 Marine osmolytes are essential for fish to stay hydrated

- Hydration balance helps fish better resist skin wounds and reduces mortality at sea
- Marine-derived osmolytes (eg. TMAO*), found in fishmeal, are vital in fish feed



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*TMAO: trimethylamine oxide



FISH GROWTH AND HEALTH CETOLEIC ACID



Marine-derived cetoleic acid is a type of fatty acid found in herring and capelin oils

It helps with improved retention of EPA and DHA in body tissues



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FISH PROTEIN HYDROLYSATES

- Hydrolysis is a process of breaking down proteins into smaller molecules called peptides
- Hydrolysates help stimulate feed intake when used appropriately
- Studies have shown that hydrolysates help improve the resilience of fish to disease





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FISH GROWTH AND HEALTH PHOSPHOLIPIDS

- Fishmeal is a rich source of lipids, a more easily digested and absorbed form of lipids compared to fish oils
- Phospholipids are crucial in larval and juvenile fish diets, improving survival, growth, and development



 They also play a role in the formation of micelles, molecules which assist the uptake of lipids into the cells

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FISH GROWTH AND HEALTH NUCLEOTIDES CONDITIONALLY ESSENTIAL NUTRIENTS

- Nucleotides are the building blocks of nucleic acids like DNA and RNA
- Fishmeal is among one of the richest natural sources of nucleotides
- Nucleotides have been shown to stimulate both growth and the immune system in fish and crustaceans



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