

# Christopher Philip Leftwich

## Qualifications / Affiliations

- Diploma in Environmental Health at Tottenham College of Technology (now the Middlesex University)
- Diploma in Management Studies at University of East London
- Diploma in Noise and Acoustics at Tottenham College of Technology
- Diploma in Health and Safety at Tottenham College of Technology
- Member of the Sea Fish Industry Authority study tour, looking at markets in France, Belgium and Holland.
- Member of various Sea Fish Industry Authority advisory and expert working groups
- Member of various FSA and DEFRA consultative groups
- Food Examiner for the Chartered Institute of Environmental Health
- Member of the examination board at King's College, London
- British Sea Fisheries Officer.
- Executive Board Member and Past President of the International Association of Fish Inspectors (IAFI)
- Board Member of the Humber Seafood Institute
- Trustee and Company Secretary of the Billingsgate Seafood Training School
- Member of the Food Standards Agency panel on fish labelling
- Member of the Seafish Legislation Working Group
- Member of the Seafish Industry Forum
- Board member of the Scottish Association of Marine Science
- Approved REHIS, Food Hygiene and HACCP trainer
- Steering committee member for the National Lobster Hatchery in Padstow
- Trustee of the UK Associates of the Bermuda Institute of Oceanic Science
- Chairman of the Shellfish Association of Great Britain
- Retired Chief Inspector to the Worshipful Company of Fishmongers as of end of February 2016

## Nationality

British

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## Current Position at CWA

External Consultant

## Specific Expertise and Experience

- Overseeing the quality control of all fish and shellfish products sold at Billingsgate Fish Market for over 30 years
- Advisor to Defra to enable the European fish hygiene and shellfish hygiene directives to be brought into domestic legislation
- Adviser to the Chartered Institute of Environmental Health on EU fisheries legislation
- Presented papers at various conferences on different aspects of the fish industry
- Active involvement in improvement works undertaken at Billingsgate Market regarding Hygiene Directives
- Involved in advising on the upgrading of many companies throughout London, the South East and overseas on improvements necessary to comply with current legislation
- Establishing quality control and HACCP systems, and auditing for various companies domestically and overseas
- Organisation and delivery of courses on all aspects of the Fish Industry
- Training student environmental health officers, EHO's and trading standards officers
- Appearing as expert witness on fisheries related matters in Court hearings

## Summary of Previous Employment

Oct 2015- Present	<b>Pandalus Consultancy Ltd</b> Managing Director
2000 to date	<b>Billingsgate Seafood Training School</b> Company secretary and Trustee of the
1985 to Feb 2016	<b>Worshipful Company of Fishmongers</b> Chief Inspector  Managing the Company's work in relation to all fisheries matters
1980 to 1985	Specialist Environmental Health Officer (Food), with responsibilities for two export slaughterhouses, five poultry slaughterhouses, Spitalfields Market, Billingsgate Market and all wholesale, catering and manufacturing premises within Tower Hamlets. Managed the budget for the department.
1979 to 1980	Specialist Environmental Health Officer (Health and Safety)

1975 to 1979 District Environmental Health Officer at Tower Hamlets. Duties involved all aspects of environmental health.

1975 Qualified as an Environmental Health Officer

## Recent Projects

### 2018

- Continuing to act as an expert witness in ongoing proceedings on a claim involving seafood quality control.
- Chaired the annual conference for SAGB.

### 2017

- Acted as an expert witness in proceedings involving aspects of seafood quality.
- Successfully wrote various grant applications for funding under the EMFF for companies in Billingsgate and the Shellfish Association.
- May: assumed the role of Chairman of the Shellfish Association of Great Britain (SAGB)

### 2016

- February: Retired from the Fishmongers' Company.
- April: Reviewed report on container ship Saronic Breeze moored in Lagos on behalf of Macalister Elliott.
- Developed HACCP system for a fish processing factory in Hastings
- Undertook various consultancies on different aspects of the seafood industry.

### 2015

- Undertook a review of facilities and working practices at Billingsgate market at the request of the City of London and the London Fish Merchants Association.
- Presented paper on aquaculture at workshop at the Cefas laboratories in Weymouth.
- Updated the training manual for the food inspectors in the Gambia.
- Arranged a study tour to Cochin in India.

### 2014

- March: Returned to Pakistan on behalf of UNIDO to help inspectors deliver the Code of Practice to the fishermen in Balochistan.
- May: Presented the Drummond lecture at the annual conference of the Shellfish Association of Great Britain.
- June: Ran a two week workshop in Gambia on behalf of UNIDO for the EHO's of the newly formed Food Safety and Quality Authority which included HACCP training and risk assessment. Wrote a training manual for the food inspectors in Gambia.

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- September: Arranged a study tour to Iceland looking at the Icelandic fisheries.

### 2013

- September: Organised study tour of Sri Lanka to look at the tuna fisheries.
- October: Chaired the World Seafood Congress in St. John's Newfoundland and passed over the presidency of IAFI to Tim Hansen, Director of NOAA.
- November: Ran training course in Pakistan on behalf of UNIDO (United Nations Industrial Development Organisation) to develop a Code of Practice for small scale fishermen in the Balochistan region.

### 2012

- Visited Gambia twice in July and September to train the fisheries department of Gambia in inspection and auditing and wrote a training manual for the fish inspectors as part of the COLEACP development programme.

### 2011

- September: Presented paper on Seafood and Health at Humber Seafood Summit.
- October: Assumed presidency of International Association of Fish Inspectors (IAFI) for two years at the World Seafood Congress in Washington and presented papers at the congress.

### 2010

- July: Presented paper on safety in fisheries products at Humber Seafood Summit.
- October: Organised conference on future of Aquaculture at Fishmongers' Hall.
- November: Presented paper at World Seafood and Health conference in Melbourne, Australia.

### 2009

- January: Acted as a consultant to the Hastings fish market and associated businesses to bring them into line with the EU regulations on HACCP and hygiene requirements and ran a series of HACCP training courses.
- October: Co-ordinated workshop on access requirements at the World Seafood Congress in Agadir in conjunction with Tim Hansen, Director of NOAA

### 2008

- March: Presented paper at IUU conference at Chatham House.
- September: Ran workshops on EU grading and marketing standards for Ministry officials in Croatia.
- November: Appointed a Board member of the Humber Seafood Institute.

## 2007

- Jan/Feb: Worked with Tony Garthwaite Associates to produce a guide on markets for the Turkish Seafood Industry.
- March: Presented paper on Opportunities for Shellfish at The European Fish and Seafood Conference.
- September: Presented paper at World Aquaculture conference in Hanoi on EU access requirements.
- Co-ordinated workshop on EU access requirements at World Seafood Congress in Dublin and presented with an award by IAFI for the Inspector of the Biennium..

## 2006

- Presented paper at seminar at Campden and Chorleywood.
- October: Presented paper at Value Added Seafood Conference.
- November: Ran a series of training courses in Turkey for the Ministry (MARA) and the Seafood Industry on Markets and Marketing Standards.

## 2005

- Attended the 5<sup>th</sup> World Fish Inspection and Quality Control conference in Sydney and was voted on as an Executive Board Member of the International Association of Fish Inspectors (IAFI).
- Presented papers at various seminars on behalf of Eurofin Laboratories and Campden and Chorleywood Research Laboratory.

## 2004

- Developed training course for imported fish inspectors in conjunction with NRI and Tony Garthwaite Associates on behalf of the FSA.
- Wrote and published book entitled Fish and Shellfish: A comprehensive guide to the fish industry and its products.

## 2003

- May: Visited Guernsey in conjunction with Grimsby Institute of Food and Fisheries to advise on the setting up of their Competent Authority as defined within the various EU directives.

## 2002

- April: Visited Bodo University in Norway to organise student placements in the UK for degree students on Fisheries marketing course. Also established links between Bodo university and the Grimsby Fisheries Institute.
- May: Presented paper on shellfish control at the annual shellfish conference for the Shellfish Association of Great Britain.
- October: Presented paper at the International Cold Water Prawn Forum.

## 2001

- March: Visited Bergen, Norway to establish joint industry training initiatives between Norway and the UK as part of the Euromat III project, funded by the Leonardo Da Vinci fund.
- June: Visited Latvia to establish joint training initiatives between the UK, Latvia and Norway as part of the Euromat III project. Managed project funds.
- August: Organised a UK study tour for members of the Latvian fishing industry.
- October: Presented paper at 4th world fish inspection and quality control congress in Vancouver on Fish safety and Quality – Challenges for Developing and Emerging Economies.

## 2000-present

- Presented several quality assurance courses at the Billingsgate Seafood Training School. Established City and Guilds course in retail fishmongering.

## 1999

- October: Attended the international conference for the International Association of Fish Inspectors in Halifax, Canada. Visited New York to inspect the Fulton Fish market.

## 1998

- February: Organised a series of Food Hygiene training courses at the Central Institute for Fisheries, Cochin, India and audited several processing factories. Delivered lecture on HACCP to the staff and students at the University in Cochin.
- July: Study tour to the Tokyo fish market and Seafood Training School in Sydney, Australia.
- September: Presented paper on Fish inspection and Quality Assurance at a Regional Symposium for CEECIS Countries.
- Presented paper on Training Initiatives at Euromat conference held in Lisbon, Portugal.

## 1997

- February: Organised UK study tour for representatives from the Romanian Fishing Industry.
- April: Organised a third course in fish preparation and processing and Basic Food Hygiene in Iati, Romania. Inspected several retail outlets and factories in Bucharest recommending various upgrades and improvements.
- October: Visited Sri Lanka to advise on the establishment of a full HACCP system for a factory processing Tuna fish for export to the UK.

#### 1996

- January: Project Director for the establishment of a Seafood Training School for the fish industry based at Billingsgate Market. Raised £300k to enable the school to be built. The school opened in March 2000 and I am the Company secretary and have helped to run and manage the finances of the school since.
- May: Attended World conference on HACCP in Washington, USA.
- October/November: Visits to Romania to organise practical courses in fish preparation and processing, and to introduce a certificate course in Basic Food Hygiene and organise an industry workshop.

#### 1995

- September: Visit to Romania to teach HACCP concepts to the Sanitary Veterinary Officers and to inspect several factories to recommend upgrades to comply with the EC hygiene directives. Audited various processing factories, including fish canneries, smoking companies and general fish processors. Presented paper on findings to the Ministry in Romania and the EU.
- October: Oversaw a quality assurance course in Romania organised by the University in Galati.

#### 1994

- May: Visited Saudi Arabia and Oman to inspect factories to ensure they complied with the EC hygiene directives and to make recommendations on areas which needed improvement.
- October: Ran an intensive quality assurance course in Romania for the Sanitary Veterinary Officers, Food Lecturers and Sanitary Engineers at the university in Galati.

#### 1993

- November: Visited Tanzania and Kenya to make recommendations on the upgrading of various factories to bring them up to the standard required by the EC hygiene directives. Copies of the reports were submitted to the Centre for the Development of Industry in Brussels.