

### **James Wilson – Director of Bangor Mussel Producers**

James has been involved with the fisheries and aquaculture sectors in the UK and Europe for over 20 years, with the cultivation of mussels in North Wales being the core activity. He has helped to develop strong linkages between the sector with both the science research community and environmental organisations over this time frame, with recent focus on the issues and science surrounding shellfish and human originated marine borne pathogens. Current objectives include increasing the production of cultivated shellfish in Wales, in both conventional and more challenging offshore locations; finding better routes into domestic and international markets for Welsh Seafood; and developing a strong scientific and sustainable basis for all Welsh fisheries and aquaculture activities.

He is a Ministerial appointee to the Board of the Sea Fish Industry Authority (Seafish) and is a Board member of the Shellfish Association of Great Britain.