

Biography

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Karl A. Almås is a special advisor to SINTEF Ocean, a new research institute in the SINTEF Group in Trondheim, Norway. Karl has 35 years of experience in fisheries and aquaculture technology research, and industrial experience in “startup” and development of companies in the blue biotech sector in Norway and abroad. He has unique experience in developing a contract research institute in the fisheries and aquaculture sector, SINTEF Fisheries and aquaculture from 25 to 125 employees and has a very strong network within governmental and private organizations and industries in Norway and in Europe.

Karl A. Almås holds a PhD in marine biochemical engineering from Norwegian University of Science and Technology. He has been involved in blue biotech industry in Tromsø, Norway and University of Wisconsin Madison, and has been the CEO of SINTEF Fisheries and Aquaculture for 16 years. He has published approx. 35 scientific papers

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At the present time, Karl A. Almås holds trusted positions as Board Chairman of The Confederation of Norwegian Enterprises, Trøndelag, the SINTEF strategic program Biobased products and the SINTEF subsidiaries SINTEF Nord and SINTEF Ålesund. He is also the Board Chairman of The Norwegian Center of Expertise in Aquaculture Technology. He is the Vice President of The Norwegian Academy of Technological Sciences (NTVA) , Board member of the Arctic Biodiscovery Center, Tromsø , the Steering committee of OECD project, “Future of the Ocean Economy” and the The European Aquaculture and Technology and Innovation Platform(EATIP). He is also board member of various start up companies in the biomarine sector.