

Joint Statement of the UJNR
Aquaculture Panel
October 3 and 4, 1978
Tokyo, Japan

The seventh session of the UJNR Aquaculture Panel convened in Tokyo, Japan, October 3 and 4, 1978. The subject of the session was marine finfish culture, excluding ocean ranching.

Mr. Haruhiko Horikawa, Director General, Secretariate, Agriculture, Forestry and Fishery Research Council, and Mr. Toshio Sugawara, chief, International Development Division, Science and Technology Agency, presented welcoming addresses and opening remarks.

Panel members and observers were introduced by respective chairman. Seven technical papers on finfish culture were presented by members of both panels. Presentation of technical papers were followed by discussion periods.

During the business session the scientist exchange program was reviewed and suggestions for future exchanges were presented. It was concluded that scientists from Japan, including Mr. T. Matsusato, would be sent to the U.S. to study fish pathology in 1979.

The U.S. panel presented five proposals:

- 1) that Japanese scientists contribute to and utilize the National Registry of Marine Pathology.
- 2) that the UJNR Aquaculture Panel support ICES in developing the Index of Marine Aquaculture Diseases.
- 3) that the UJNR Aquaculture Panel support a review on the effects of pollution on marine and freshwater aquaculture.
- 4) that Japanese scientists participate in the National Aquaculture Information System at the Virginia Institute of Marine Science.
- 5) and that Japanese scientists participate with University of California in a joint study on abalone seeding.

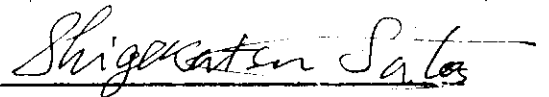
The Japanese Panel responded positively to items 2), 4) and 5). Proposal 1) and 3) will be given further consideration and correspondence will be exchanged on all five proposals.

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A report on the ongoing cooperative study related to summer oyster mortality and the development of disease resistant oyster seed was presented by the Japanese Panel. The Japanese Panel also recommended that a joint study on oyster breeding be developed.

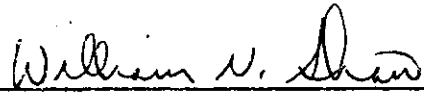
The U.S. Chairman discussed plans for the 1979 UJNR meeting on freshwater finfish culture. Field trips are planned including visits to catfish and bait fish farms and processing plants in the south, and salmon and trout ^{farms and fish} hatcheries in the northwest. Seattle, Washington was suggested as the meeting site. A tentative travel schedule was presented. Ideally, the date of the next meeting will be in the autumn of 1979.

Respectfully submitted,



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