

the other hand, it is possible that a more vertically integrated industry may be developing in Canada particularly on the West coast.

2. Native Economic Development

On the West coast, a study by Condev Bio-Systems Ltd. has noted that the Native people are "ideal" candidates for aquaculture activities given "their location in the remote coastal regions of British Columbia which provides them with ready access to a wide range of technically excellent aquaculture sites. Their cultural and historical relationship with salmon and the other resources of the sea give them special insight into aquaculture concepts."³ The Committee wishes to emphasize that the long-term involvement of Native people with the Salmon Enhancement Program provides them with valuable experience which could enable them to participate in the hatchery sector of this growing industry. The Committee notes that to date there is seemingly little participation by the Indian people in the West coast's salmon farming industry. This is surprising, given the opportunities the industry could provide and the importance of salmon to Native culture and lifestyles. The Committee saw more evidence of the Native people being involved in the molluscan shellfish industry, either through harvest of wild oysters and clams or in oyster aquaculture businesses. Among the factors cited as impeding the involvement of Native groups in aquaculture activities were: the need for a definite separation between an Indian band's political and business activities and the need for the training of farm management teams and for long-term commitment on the part of the Bands.⁴

3. Regional Economic Development

The Committee believes, because of its observations in Norway and Scotland, that aquaculture has great potential as a regional development tool. In Canada, this potential is enhanced by the fact that each Canadian region has its own aquaculture opportunities so that "aquaculture will likely continue to develop as a mosaic in which industry in one region complements rather than competes with that in another. For example, the harsh climatic conditions in Newfoundland can be overcome by concentration on coldwater technology and the raising of such species as scallops."⁵ It should also be noted that some areas of Newfoundland even offer opportunities for salmon aquaculture. In the Bay of d'Espoir area, water temperatures remain suitable for salmon aquaculture even though the water ices over during the winter. Research is being carried out to overcome