

at Boston focussed on quality aspects including handling and processing. With much improved packaging, improved product quality and long term supply potential, Latin America could become a major force in the commodity groundfish market.

Seafood analogue products tended to dominate new product offerings at recent Boston Seafood Shows. This pattern was broken at the 1989 show with few new products or preparations in evidence. Analogues now appear to be an accepted feature of the US seafood market. The only new product on display was artificial smoked salmon or "mox lox". This product which combines both smoked salmon and pollock surimi represents a significant departure from traditional seafood analogues, all of which have been shellfish preparations.

NATIONAL STANDS

The Boston Seafood Show has an increasingly international character. In 1989 representatives of no less than 25 countries exhibited, an increase of 5 countries over 1988. Foreign participation is increasingly organized through national stands. Eight countries had national stands at Boston, an increase of four over 1988. Of particular significance were the stands of Norway, Scotland, Chile, New Zealand and Ireland.