

Indian seafood industry fund

Approval of a \$70,000 grant to help expand the seafood industry conducted by an American Indian tribe on Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts, was announced today by Wilmer D. Mizell, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development.

The Wampanoag Tribal Council of Gay Head, Inc., applied for the grant from the Economic Development Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

The funds will be used to help the tribe expand the commercial fisheries at Menemsha Pond.

The tribe plans to employ a fisheries biologist and other experienced personnel for a program to help improve and stabilize scallop production and to experiment with the release and recapture of chum salmon.

Tribal leaders state that the program to stabilize seafood production at the pond will mean additional year-round jobs

for workers who now experience periodic unemployment because of the seasonal nature of the tourist industry on Martha's Vineyard.