

# *Overstocked Fish Roe by Japanese?*

Research by the Division of Economic Enterprise indicates extensive Japanese purchases of salmon, and fish roe, which resulted in record high prices for Alaska fishermen in 1973, may have been a mistake.

It now appears the Japanese may have overstocked on what are essentially luxury items and there could be a drastic drop in purchases next year.

If this is the case, it could affect the price fishermen receive for their 1974 catches, the division reports.