

Lummi Vaccinating Their Silver Salmon

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It's good news from the research ponds. The fish doubled their weight during the month of April, and the oysters, in the ponds, have also doubled in size.

The water is now warming up. It's almost 68 degrees. When this happens fish grow even faster. However, they are also more likely to get diseased.

To fight the disease new types of vaccines are being used. Forty thousand Silvers have been vaccinated at the Nooksack hatchery and these will be put in the salt-water in about a month. It takes this long for the vaccine to work.

There are twenty thousand Silver salmon at the ponds which

are not vaccinated. Most of these may die from disease as the water gets warmer and this will tell us how valuable the vaccine is on those that are treated.

In the future all of the Lummi fish will be vaccinated with the best vaccine available, which we will know in approximately two months.

The trout at the pond have already been exposed to the diseases and most of them are safe from disease.

This is one of the biggest problems in growing fish and the Lummi Program is using the latest methods for disease control which will put this project ahead of others.