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JAPANESE FISHERY OFFICIALS VISIT FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

American and Japanese officials concerned with the commercial fishing industry met informally June 27 at the Department of the Interior.

The occasion was the courtesy call which Takechiyo Matsuda, member of the Japanese House of Representatives and chairman of the International Tuna Council, made upon Ross L. Leffler, Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Fish and Wildlife. Mr. Matsuda was accompanied by Takeshi Kimura, Agricultural Counselor at the Japanese Embassy in Washington. In Japan, the fisheries program is part of the Department of Agriculture and Forestry.

Various phases of the commercial fishing activities, including many problems common to Japan and the United States, were discussed during the meeting.

Mr. Matsuda, who is in this country with Prime Minister Kishi's party, will be a member of the Japanese group which will meet with American tuna men in California in mid-August to discuss a joint tuna advertising program.

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