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UNITED STATES AND MEXICO EXCHANGE SCIENTIFIC KNOWLEDGE ON FISHERY RESEARCH

The Department of the Interior said today that as part of the observance of International Cooperation Year its Bureau of Commercial Fisheries has developed a program with Mexico, enabling the two nations to exchange scientific knowledge through an exchange of fishery biologists.

Donald L. McKernan, Bureau Director, said two Mexican fishery biologists are already at the Bureau's laboratory in Galveston, Tex., observing methods of shrimp research. He said arrangements are being completed for other Mexican scientists to visit laboratories in La Jolla, Calif., and Seattle, Wash.

In the near future the Bureau plans to send United States biologists to Mexico to study latest research procedures in that country.

At Galveston, the visiting scientists are observing methods of identifying and sampling shrimp in the larval, postlarval and juvenile stages in estuaries (areas where salt and fresh water meet). Mr. McKernan said the studies are vital in estimating and forecasting future shrimp crops.

He said shrimp is the most valuable resource taken by United States fishermen, and the shrimp industry ranks near the top of the Mexican economy.

The Mexican scientists visiting Galveston are Juan M. de la Garza, who heads the biology laboratory in Campeche, Mexico, and Jesus A. Macias Ortiz, Director of the Biology Laboratory in Tampico.

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