

Conclusion To Fish Story

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At a business meeting of the Shrine Club of Se. Mass. the members were invited to the New Bedford Vocation High School fish farming project and it proved very interesting. To create interest, the club tries to tour someplace that we pass every day but never see the inside workings.

In March while at the fish farm project of the Greater New Bedford Vocational Technical school, we were invited to come back to the school for a lunch of fish and chips. The fish were raised at the school by the students. The club accepted the invitation for May.

The fish raised at the school are called Talapia. It is a tropical, fresh water fish that will grow 4 pounds in a year. This being an area for the best salt water fish, this fresh water fish is not popular with the public, but the Chinese consider it a delicacy.

In the opinion of the club members that had the fish, it is as good as any cod, haddock or flounder coming from the cold Atlantic Ocean. With fish farming coming into it own and increased production, this might be something that would reduce the increased pressure of over fishing of our native saltwater fish.

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