

# Conservation and Management of Saroma Lake (3)



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# The fishery cooperative improved the life of fishermen

The life of fishermen in Hokkaido was very hard until the beginning of Showa era(1926- )

Almost of the fishermen were heavily in debt.

Poor fishermen borrow living materials and fishing devices from their boss, and return their debt by delivering all of their fishes to their boss.

Their merit was absorbed by their boss. It was the Shikomi institution.

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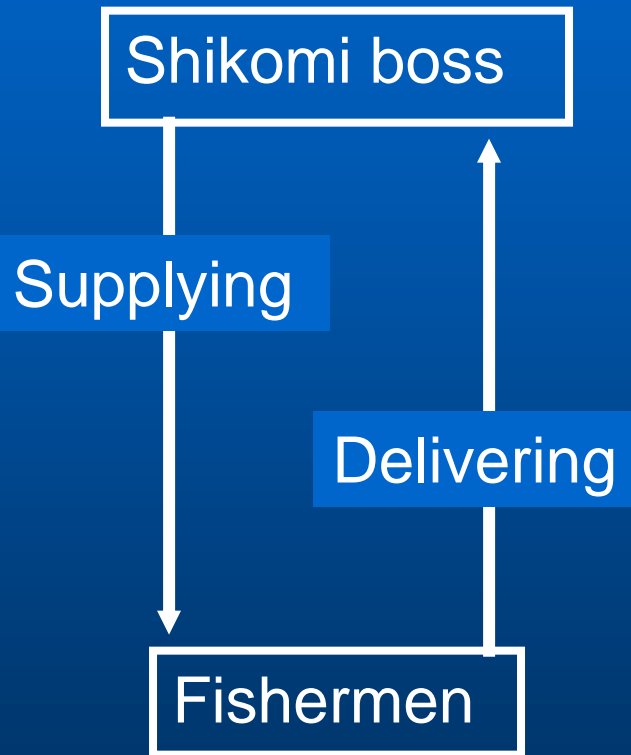
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# The Shikomi Institution

Supply living materials, fishing devices and goods

The prices of supplied things were higher 20-30% than market price



Deliver all fishes unconditionally

The price of fish was cheaper 20-30% than market price

The classification and weighing were unfair

**The fishermen couldn't get out of the poverty**

# Constructing the independent spirits in fishermen

Takatoshi Ando of Hokkaido Fishery Section began the activity of cooperative selling.

All the products of fishermen delivered to the cooperative and sold by their endeavor.

In 1933 the Fishery Law was revised, the fishery cooperatives were able to act as a center of the fishermen village.

At last he could break down the Shikomi Institution.





# Fishery Cooperative Law concluded in 1949

New cooperatives and union of cooperatives were born.

Mr. Ando was selected as a president of the Hokkaido Federation Fishermen's Trust Association.

He set much value on the human education.

He recommended the wives of fishermen to avoid waste and save ten yen a day.

The wives began to save money gradually.



# The liberation of women

Through these movements, women started to go out from their house and began to take part in a social activities.

It formed a new flow of the liberation of women.

And the construction of new fishermen village has begun where everyone can speak lively and democratically.

A small money saving movement resulted in a force of individuals and its return profit fruited into a social activity.

It performed the roll of “combine the individual and society”.



# For the future of fishery

- **The meaning of fishery cooperatives is to raise the status and to improve the living conditions of fishermen.**
- **By carrying out the fishery activity, we not only supply the fishes but also can conserve the environment.**
- **We are able to recognize the changes of environment immediately and appeal it to the world from the bottom of our heart.**