

The Paths to Viable Shrimp Non-Ablation Adoption

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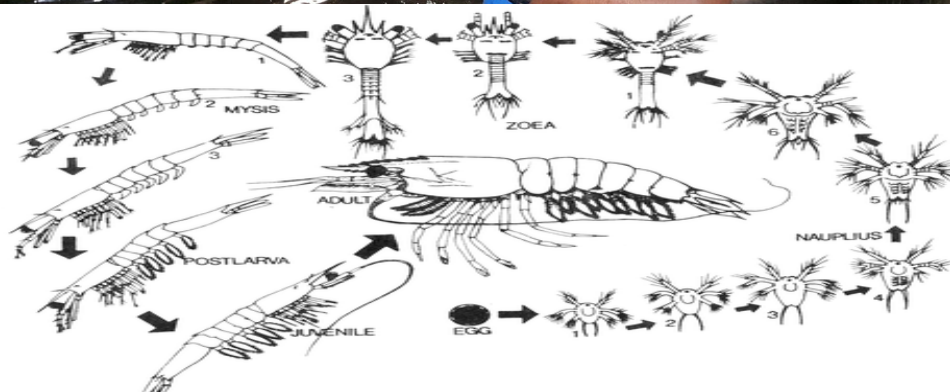
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1. Shrimp Hatcheries: **Unilateral Eyestalk Ablation**

Rapid egg production

Meet commercial
demand



1.1. Eyestalk ablation impact in Shrimp

Positive	Negative (e.g. Welfare issues)
Reduce gonad inhibiting hormone	Physiological imbalance
Induce rapid maturation and spawn	Reproductive exhaustion
Meet commercial demand	Stress
	Reduction of shrimp hyperglycemic and molt inhibiting hormones
	High energy demand
	Activation/reduction of immune related genes
	Influence on metabolism of macronutrients
	Alteration of biochemical pathways
	Drop of hemocyanin and glucose in hepatopancreas
	High broodstock mortality
	Compromise offspring quality (e.g. decrease robustness to diseases)

1.2. Eyestalk Ablation vs **Welfare** **concerns**



LABEYRIE
FINE FOODS

ASDA
Sainsbury's

TESCO
Every little helps



ALTERNATIVE (S)

2. What is the pathway to adoptions?

**MOVING FROM
EYESTALK ABLATION**

TO

**NON-ABLATION
ADOPTION**



**“Improving” some key
Hatcheries and Breeding
Practices/Protocols.**

2.1. Broodstock Feeding and Nutrition



- Feed your female broodstock with high quality broodstock diets as early as possible (e.g. Pre-maturation tanks, quarantine tanks, breeding centers).
- Essential fatty acids such as EPA and DHA play key role on rapid maturation and spawn on non-ablated females
- Reconsider feeding frequency and improve your male sperm quality.

2.2. Sex Ratio Manipulation (Male:Female)

- May require to change male to female ratio (1:1) to (1:1.25 - 2) while maintaining same broodstock density or add any additional capacity (e.g. tanks) if required.
- This allows “some strains” of the non-ablated female broodstock to perform similarly to ablated animals under commercial conditions.

2.3. Broodstock strains, domestication and selective breeding

- Broodstock Genetic or Strain: different response to non-ablation.
- Domestication: More domesticated animals respond better to non-ablation.
- Selective breeding program: Increase selection frequency, specially with new DNA tools.

2.4. Other Hatcheries practices are still important

- Maintain very good and stable water quality.
- Photoperiod.
- Hatchery design and system.
- Selection of mated female strategy.
- **Staff training.**
- Etc.



3. Global examples: Pacific white shrimp

Honduras



Vietnam



Ecuador



AQUAGEN
MEJORAMIENTO
GENÉTICO
MARINO

4. Global examples: Black Tiger Shrimp

Madagascar





We can do it. Thank You!