



U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Aquatic Animal Drug Approval Partnership

The One and Only

The Aquatic Animal Drug Approval Partnership (AADAP) Program is one of a kind. It is the only program in the U.S. dedicated to obtaining U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approval of new drugs needed for use in fish culture and fisheries management.



AADAP
Aquatic Animal Drug Approval
Partnership Program

This partner-based national program not only generates scientific data and analyzes results, but also compiles study reports, distributes data, and manages all other aspects of required data to the FDA. Of course this can't be accomplished alone; the AADAP Program leads a coordinated effort of federal, state, tribal and private organizations.

The Aquatic Animal Drug Approval Partnership Program was established in 1994 to ensure Fish and Wildlife Service compliance with the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act. Over the years, the program has contributed to virtually every new fish drug approved by the FDA.



AADAP scientists follow rigorous standards in collecting scientific data.

Benefits for Many

Who benefits from the AADAP Program's work? Fish of course, but also all fisheries professionals. Approved drugs can be used to help keep fish healthy and to facilitate safe handling, spawning, marking, and other fisheries management activities. The program's work also helps with accomplishing management objectives and delivering public and tribal trust responsibilities.

Fast Facts

- AADAP is the only program like it in the U.S.
- Provides fisheries professional with new tools to meet current and future management needs.
- Provides the entire fisheries community with up-to-date information and guidance on drug use and approval status.
- Uses sound science and the latest technology.
- AADAP is integral to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's successful stewardship of our natural resources for the enjoyment of all Americans.



The AADAP program works with many partners from public agencies and private enterprise. Safe and effective drugs for use in fisheries management are good for fish and people.

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