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es can pass from mum  
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B: False

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B: False

will be drawn and notified on the  
18th of December

ur New Year's resolution be this year?  
a smoker; maybe give quitting a go?  
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support a friend/family member to quit?

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# Deal boosts fish project

■ Glenn Cordingley

A Broome-based businessman has reached an agreement with traditional owners to develop a huge aquaculture project in the Kimberley that would potentially pump tens of millions of dollars into indigenous communities and provide jobs.

In August, Fisheries Minister Ken Baston unveiled the 2000ha Kimberley Aquaculture Development Zone in Cone Bay, at the northern end of King Sound, about 215km north-east of Broome.

That is where saltwater communities Mayala, Dambimangari and Bardi Jawi have registered their interest in producing up to 20,000 tonnes of fin fish for domestic and international markets.

The partnership has been struck with Maxima boss John Hutton in exchange for an even share of the spoils between the four parties.

"The traditional owners have always shown an interest to be involved in aquaculture and pearling and they have approached me to help them help themselves with an application for the aquaculture zone," he said.

"With the three TO (traditional owner) groups, I have suggested to them they should all come together and pool their resources and intellectual property.

"If we are successful, I have said I would like to be involved in this project with them and



Bardi elder Irene Davey, her son and senior traditional owner Russell Davey, and project manager John Hutton. Picture: Donna Cole

there are going to be four groups with an equal share among all of us of 25 per cent."

Mr Baston said that starting a fish farm in a declared zone would save operators hundreds of thousands of dollars on environmental consultations and approvals because the paperwork would have already been done by the State Government.

The Aarli Mayi project aims to provide economic self-reliance and jobs for hundreds of people in the region while creating an industry with a potential farm-gate value of \$200 million a year.

The three traditional owner groups claim the venture would support the development of the proposed fish farm within the newly proclaimed KADZ.

Bardi elder Irene Davey welcomed the education and job opportunities the project could create for her people.

"With this level of co-operation, the potential for this is enormous," she said.

"The region is ideally suited to aquaculture, there is a huge demand for safe and reliable supplies of Australian seafood, and there will be plenty of opportunities to value-add as well."

Dambimangari elder Donny Wolagoodja said his people were keen on an opportunity that could provide jobs for young people for many years.

"The traditional owners in this region have been farming salt water for thousands of years and we believe this project represents an evolution of our cultural traditions from

traditional fish traps into a modern industry servicing a global market demand for seafood."

Mr Hutton believes a 20-fold increase in fish production at Cone Bay would require a huge investment in the supply chain, with hundreds of additional jobs in transport, feed manufacture and storage, ice and machinery works, breeding and maritime services.

A spokeswoman for Mr Baston said it was anticipated that advertising the leases may begin in April.

"The Department of Fisheries is keeping a register of parties who express an interest in submitting a proposal to undertake aquaculture within the KADZ, and informing those parties of timelines and likely processes," she said.