3. # Cold weather hits taptim fish stocks

AYUTTHAYA: Fish farmers in Bang Ban district are suffering as their taptim fish stocks have begun to die off due to the cold weather.

Most of the fish raised in baskets have stopped eating since the onset of the sudden cold spell this week, said Paiboon Ketyos, who owns a fish farm in tambon Chanee in Bang Ban district.

He said they also no longer swim to the bottom of the river and are often seen near the surface, gasping for air, and many have died already.

The fish are farmed in baskets along the banks of the Chao Phraya River which runs through Bang Ban district and parts of neighbouring Ang Thong province.

Farmers are worried their fish will die en masse, which would plunge them into debt.

1. What happened?

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2. Where was the country in the news?

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3. What was "taptim"?

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4. Why did the fish die?

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5. Where did the fish farmers find the dead fish?

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6. What were the fish farmers worried about?

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7. What did the fish do before they died?

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Find the meanings.

cold _____

weather _____

fish farmer _____

suffering _____

die _____

due to _____

raise _____

cold spell _____

bottom _____

surface _____

gasping _____

air _____

farm (v) _____

run through _____

neighboring _____

en masse _____

plunge _____

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4.

Thailand Post adjusts

Thailand Post revised down its net profit target from Bt710 million to Bt350 million this year, after the launch of an early-retirement programme costing Bt750 million.

There are 268 employees approved to join the programme. The move will help the company save an estimated Bt1 billion in the next 10 years.

Find the meanings.

Post _____

adjust _____

revise down _____

profit _____

target _____

launch _____

retirement _____

program _____

employee _____

approve _____

join _____

estimate _____

company _____

1. From the news, what did Thailand Post do?

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2. How much was the rofit target revised down?

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3. What was the program for?

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4. How many employees approved to join the program?

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5. How much money will be saved from the move?

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