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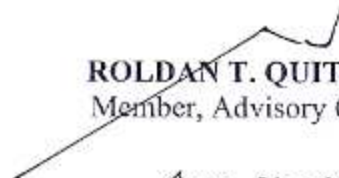
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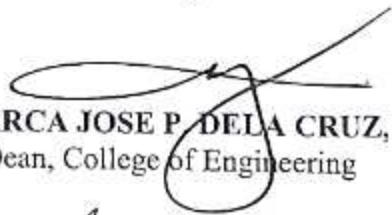

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Catfish production has always been laborious, and with manpower and the next generation of fish farmers dwindling, the need for innovative technology has become essential. The catfish feed cannon machine was developed to enhance the fish farmer's ability to feed fish more quickly and efficiently.

This study examines the impact of engine rpm levels on the operational efficiency of a feed canon machine across various performance metrics: distribution efficiency, throughput capacity, and distribution range. The performance evaluation was performed on 100 sq.m plot of land and determined that 1500 rpm across the three-performance metrics was not able to achieve the performance requirements, nonetheless, the 2500 rpm and the 3500 rpm in all metrics were able to achieve the performance desired in efficient manner. Overall, optimizing the engine rpm to 3500 rpm substantially enhances the feed canon machine's performance across all metrics, maximizing efficiency and operational effectiveness.

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