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A new center for the dissemination of market information on fish and fishery products will be opened by the Fish and Wildlife Service of the United States Department of the Interior in Hampton, Virginia, about December 17. The office will serve the Chesapeake Bay and North Carolina areas, which have not been covered adequately by existing market news offices of the Service.

In announcing the establishment of the fishery market news service at Hampton, Dr. Ira N. Gabrielson, Director of the Fish and Wildlife Service, said that the office would issue daily bulletins and monthly summaries on landings of fish, crabs, and oysters, cold storage holdings, and shipments of fish as an aid to the efficient distribution and marketing of fishery products. Cyrus H. Chilton is in charge of the office.

The Hampton office will receive and report regular information on movements of fishery products from Norfolk, Hampton, Phoebus, Crisfield and other eastern shore points, and from Beaufort and Morehead City in North Carolina. It is planned also to cover prices in the Baltimore and New York markets, two important outlets for the fishery products of the region.

While early reports will be confined to food fish and shellfish, William Dumont, in charge of the Service's Market News Section, said that beginning next spring it is planned to include information on landings of menhaden, the principal fishery of the region in terms of volume of production. Almost the entire catch of menhaden is converted into meal and oil for animal feeding and industrial uses.

The Market News Office is located at 25 S. King Street. Persons who wish to receive the bulletins should address a request to that office, Post Office Box 364, Hampton, Virginia.