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CONTRACT AWARDED FOR RED TIDE RESEARCH VESSEL

Secretary of the Interior Douglas McKay today announced that a contract has been awarded to the Chris Craft Corporation of Algonac, Mich., for delivery of a 43-foot vessel to be used in research on the "red tide", fish-killing plague currently menacing commercial and sports fish off the west coast of Florida.

The vessel, to cost \$24,446 (FOB Algonac), will be partially equipped at the Chris Craft factory and delivered to a biological research center at Fort Myers, Fla., operated by the Department of the Interior's Fish and Wildlife Service.

Negotiations regarding the method of delivery are now being worked out. Upon completion of these negotiations a purchase order, Government bill of lading, and copy of the contract will be transmitted to the Chris Craft Corporation. Installation of an automatic diesel-electric generating plant is planned, at additional cost.

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