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FISHERIES BUREAU AWARDS CONTRACT
for
AQUARIUM AT WOODS HOLE

The Director of the Bureau of Commercial Fisheries, U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service has awarded the Mishara Construction Company, Inc. of Brighton, Mass., the contract for the construction of the new public aquarium and maintenance building at Woods Hole.

For many years an aquarium was operated at Woods Hole by the Fish and Wildlife Service as an educational service to the public, in addition to its primary purpose as a research tool, until destroyed by the fury of the 1954 hurricane.

The new aquarium building is designed to serve several purposes. A valuable and necessary equipment for the study of live fish by Service biologists it will also provide an exceptional opportunity for the public to observe live specimens of some of our important food fishes in their native element.

Also housed in the new building will be maintenance shops and offices, garage and storage space, and space for the repair of equipment used in the Fish and Wildlife Service's marine research activities.

The Mishara Construction Company's bid was \$388,400. Other bids considered were: Peabody Construction Co., Inc., South Boston, Mass., \$407,625; Olson & Appleby, Inc., New Bedford, Mass., \$448,579; Arthur N. Olive, Inc., Boston, Mass., \$453,671; Nickerson Construction Co., Inc., Hyannis, Mass., \$461,250; A. P. Whitaker & Sons, Randolph, Mass., \$467,000; and J. Slotnik Company, Boston, Mass., \$475,000.