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CONTRACT AWARDED FOR DESIGN OF NEW FISHERY BIOLOGY RESEARCH VESSEL

Dwight S. Simpson and Associates of Boston, Massachusetts, have been selected by the Bureau of Commercial Fisheries, Fish and Wildlife Service, to design a new fishery research vessel to replace the Albatross III, the Department of the Interior reports.

The Albatross III was originally the trawler Harvard. It was built in 1926 and was acquired by the former Bureau of Fisheries from General Seafoods in 1939 for conversion to a fisheries research ship.

The Albatross III was the largest vessel operated by the Bureau of Commercial Fisheries until 1959 when it became necessary, in the interest of efficiency and economy, to dispose of the vessel. The new vessel will be used for fishery research and oceanographic surveys in the New England area and offshore fishing banks to obtain information that is essential not only to the management of the important fisheries of the northwest Atlantic but to obtain information which will be of general importance in the field of fishery and oceanographic research.

Bids for the construction of the new vessel will be solicited in October or November of this year if the Congress approves the item for it in the Department's budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1961.

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