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INTERIOR CALLS MEETING ON INSPECTION OF FISHERY PRODUCTS

A day's meeting, open to all who are interested in fish and the fishing industry--producer, processor, distributor, consumer--has been scheduled by the Department of the Interior for June 9 in the Interior Building in Washington, D. C.

The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss the Department's inspection program for fishery products, to consider new approaches which will make inspection services available to small industry groups, and to explore the possibilities of establishing quality standards and inspection services for fresh fish. A prior meeting will be held on June 8 primarily for representatives of firms now using the Department's continuous inspection service.

The Department, operating through the Bureau of Commercial Fisheries, Fish and Wildlife Service, has been offering its fishery products inspection services for three years. Now it seeks to determine whether or not the program as originally designed is satisfying the needs of the consumer and of the many diverse segments of the fishing industry.

Bureau Director Donald L. McKernan believes that this can best be accomplished by meeting with the management of industry and other organizations to discuss existing problems and future plans for inspection activities.

In calling this meeting, Director McKernan extends a cordial invitation to all parties interested in the welfare of the industry and in providing better fishery products to the consumer.

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