



Atlantic--one of the most valuable fisheries of the world, utilized and managed by 13 nations under agreements established by the International Commission for the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries. The research commitments of the United States under ICNAF agreements are responsibilities of the staff of the Woods Hole Laboratory. The laboratory's programs are concerned with the problems of conservation of haddock, cod, redfish, whiting, flounders, sea scallops and industrial species. It computes the natural production of these species in order to advise what measures must be taken to achieve a sustained maximum yield. It also collects information necessary for documenting the natural changes that occur in environment and in populations.

The new three-story Laboratory Building has 24,000 square feet of floor space devoted to "wet laboratories," equipped with running sea water, and other laboratories, offices, a scientific library, and conference room.

A second building houses maintenance facilities and an aquarium for experiments on marine fishes, but functioning during the summer as a public exhibition. It was visited last year by more than 200,000 persons.

The new dock facilities are designed to accommodate ocean-going vessels, as well as smaller vessels to be used in inshore work. The new fishery-oceanographic research vessel Albatross IV, scheduled for delivery in October, 1962, will be docked there.

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