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DR. JOHN LYMAN, NOTED OCEANOGRAPHER, JOINS INTERIOR DEPARTMENT

The Department of the Interior today announced the appointment of Dr. John Lyman, 48, as chief adviser for oceanographic research in the Bureau of Commercial Fisheries.

Donald L. McKernan, director of the Bureau, said Dr. Lyman will serve as chairman of Interior's committee on oceanography and will represent the Department and the Bureau on various national and international committees.

The Director said Dr. Lyman's appointment emphasizes the Bureau's key role in the Nation's oceanographic program, pioneered in 1882 with the launching of the Albatross I, the first U. S. vessel especially designed and equipped for scientific study of the world ocean.

Before joining the Department of the Interior, Dr. Lyman was program director for oceanography in the earth sciences division, National Science Foundation, in Washington, D. C. Earlier, he served for several years as director of the division of oceanography, U. S. Navy Hydrographic Office in Washington.

He is currently chairman of the advisory committee of the National Oceanographic Data Center, and is a member of the advisory committee on undersea features, U. S. Board of Geographic Names. He is a member of several scientific, meteorological, and oceanographic societies, and is the author of the Encyclopedia Britannica's article on "Oceans and Oceanography," as well as numerous other scientific papers on chemical and descriptive oceanography.

Dr. Lyman was graduated from the University of California at Berkeley and received his doctorate in chemical oceanography from Scripps Institution of Oceanography, La Jolla, California.

He served with the Navy from 1941 to 1946 and currently is a Captain in the Navy reserve.

Dr. Lyman lives in District Heights, Maryland, with his wife and their two sons.

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