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GLOUCESTER VESSEL CHARTERED FOR MAINE SARDINE EXPLORATIONS

The chartering of the Metacomet, a private fishing vessel, for Maine sardine explorations was announced today by John L. Farley, Director of the Fish and Wildlife Service. The Metacomet replaces the Theodore N. Gill, a Service-owned vessel which was removed from service because it could not economically be retained in the exploratory work.

The Metacomet is a Gloucester, Massachusetts, vessel but will be based at Boothbay Harbor, Maine, while on charter with the Fish and Wildlife Service.

Exploratory work will be conducted along the Maine Coast, just outside the outer ring of islands and just beyond what is considered the usual fishing waters for the sardine. The project is being carried out with funds made available under the terms of the Saltonstall-Kennedy Act.

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