



DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR INFORMATION SERVICE

FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

For Release THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1948

FISHING RESEARCH BOAT TO BE COMMISSIONED

Secretary of the Interior J. A. Krug today announced that the commissioning and dedication of the ALBATROSS III, the only ocean fisheries research vessel operating out of the United States, will take place on March 19, at Boston, Mass.

The vessel, a 167-foot, converted commercial trawler, has recently completed her sea trials and has returned to the shipyard for minor adjustments. The ALBATROSS III is powered with an 800 hp diesel engine and is equipped with the latest developments in navigation aids.

The ship will shortly go to the United States Fisheries Laboratory at Woods Hole, Mass., her home port, for the installation of scientific gear for ocean research. The vessel will be operated by the Fish and Wildlife Service in North Atlantic waters.

X X X