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INTERIOR NAMES FISHERY VESSEL FOR CONSERVATIONIST-PUBLISHER MILLER FREEMAN

Secretary of the Interior Stewart L. Udall announced today that a new

North Pacific fishery vessel now under construction will be named for

Miller Freeman, Seattle, Wash., conservationist and.publisher, who died in

1955.

Mr. Freeman founded the publication <u>Pacific Fisherman</u> in 1903 and
dedicated it to the service of the fishermen and fisheries of the Pacific
Coast. Mr. Freeman was highly respected by both the fishing and scientific
communities. Much of his energy was devoted to advancing international
conservation of fishery resources.

Mr. Udall said: "The future of fishery resources is brighter because
of Miller Freeman's work and the principles he advocated."

Mr. Freeman proposed several international agreements on fishery
resources in effect today. He was a leader in the fight for the Lake
Washington ship canal and conceived the Fishermen's Terminal development
at Salmon Bay in Seattle. He was also instrumental in establishing the
University of Washington's School of Fisheries.

Donald L. McKernan, Director of the Department of the Interior's
Bureau of Commercial Fisheries, said the new vessel will be assigned to
the Bureau's Biological Laboratory in Seattle. It will be used for ocean-
ographic research and support research programs of the International North
Pacific Fisheries Commission which Mr. Freeman spent many years working to
establish.

The vessel, designed to carry a crew of 20, with additional quarters
and facilities for 9 scientists, is being built at the Chicago shipyards
of the American Ship Building Company, at a cost of $3,113,274. The speci-
fications call for a stern ramp vessel, 215 feet, 10 inches long with a 42
foot beam, powered by a 2,150 horsepower diesel engine. The contract calls
for completion by early 1967. The date for launching or christening the
new vessel has not been set.

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