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Russia to Scrap World's Largest Nuclear Sub – Reports

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The Dmitry Donskoy submarine. **Russian Defense Ministry**

Russia has decommissioned the world's largest nuclear ballistic missile submarine, state media reported Wednesday.

The Dmitry Donskoy, a Typhoon-class submarine that served in the Russian Navy's Northern Fleet since 1980, stood at 175 meters in length. Its status as the world's largest submarine will be taken by the 184-meter Oscar II-class Belgorod nuclear submarine, which was commissioned earlier in July.

"The submarine Dmitry Donskoy has been removed from the fleet and is to be scrapped," the state-run RIA Novosti news agency quoted an unnamed Russian defense industry source as saying.

The Dmitry Donskoy was last spotted accompanying the Belgorod in the waters of northwestern Russia's White Sea.

Analysts speculated at the time that the Dmitry Donskoy was accompanying the Belgorod for sea trials ahead of the latter vessel's entrance into service.

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