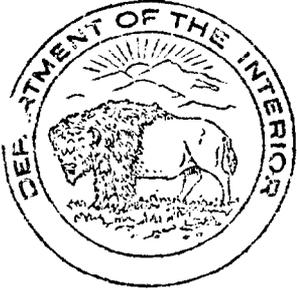


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To aid in protecting the fisheries of the Columbia River from the harmful effects of dams proposed for future construction throughout the river basin, Secretary of the Interior Harold L. Ickes today announced the appointment of a board of eleven consultants who will assist in developing a fishery maintenance program.

The consultants have been recommended by the Governors of Washington, Oregon, and Idaho as men of broad experience in the fishery field. Representatives of the fishing industry, sport fishermen, and fishery administrators are included in the consultant group, of which, Dr. Willis H. Rich of the Fish and Wildlife Service will act as chairman.

Under Federal law, the Fish and Wildlife Service of the Interior Department is required to study and recommend measures to protect the fisheries from harm which might result from dams constructed by Federal agencies under Federal license.

In view of the large number of dams which are being considered for future construction on the Columbia River, Secretary Ickes pointed out that a careful study must be made of the effect of the dams on the salmon runs and other fish populations. Other related problems to be considered are the operations of the commercial fisheries, the protection of the watershed, and the effectiveness of natural and artificial propagation of salmon. The policy consultants appointed by the Secretary, after a study of the situation, will recommend appropriate action to the Secretary of the Interior through the Fish and Wildlife Service.

The members of the consultant group are as follows:

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- Dr. Willis H. Rich (Chairman, representing the
 Natural History Museum Department of the Interior)
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