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In line with the recent reorganization of the Fish and Wildlife Service of the Department of the Interior, Albert M. Day, Director of the Service, announced today the promotion of W. R. Dillon to become Chief, Branch of Administration, and Oscar H. Johnson to be Chief, Branch of Management.

The new plan of operation provides for the concentration of Service functions in four branches concerned with administration, research, commercial fisheries, and management of fish and game resources. This streamlining of the work of the Service by placing similar lines of activities under the same branch is designed to improve the agency's services to the public.

Mr. Dillon, who has been Chief of the Division of Administration since 1935, has been with the Service in various administrative capacities since 1914. He is a native of Kentucky and served with the U. S. Army in World War I. The new branch, headed by Mr. Dillon, deals with the activities of the Service concerned with the budget, finance, personnel administration, procurement of equipment and property, and various related functions both in the Central Office and in the field.

Mr. Johnson, as Regional Director of Region 3 since May 1944 with headquarters at Minneapolis, Minn., has directed the field activities of the Service in the states of North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, Wisconsin, Illinois, Michigan, and Indiana. He joined the Service in July 1939 as a Federal Aid regional inspector at Denver, Colo. In August 1940 he was

transferred, in the same capacity, to Region 2 at Albuquerque, N. Mex., where he remained until April 1942 when he was promoted to the position of Assistant Regional Director in Region 1, with headquarters at Portland, Oreg. A native of South Dakota, Mr. Johnson served as Director of that state's Department of Game and Fish from 1925 to 1939.

The Branch of Management, over which Mr. Johnson will preside, includes the activities carried on by the Divisions of Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration, Predator and Rodent Control, Wildlife Refuges, Game Management, Game-fish and Hatcheries, and Lands. Since the work of all of these Divisions now clears through the Regional Offices, the new Branch set-up will serve to bring the Regional Offices and the Central Office still closer together in their daily operations.

Succeeding Mr. Johnson as Regional Director of Region 3 will be Daniel H. Janzen who has been Assistant Regional Director since 1940. Mr. Janzen joined the Service in 1929, after graduation from Oregon State College, as a forester to assist in the acquisition of migratory bird refuges. Before the Service's regional set-up was reorganized in 1940 and the regions in the continental United States reduced from nine to five, Mr. Janzen served as Regional Director of Region 6, with headquarters in Milwaukee, Wis., from October 1934 to July 1940.

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