



## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR INFORMATION SERVICE

FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

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### ANNOUNCE NEW SERIES OF PUBLIC WATERFOWL MEETINGS

The first of a series of nation-wide public meetings will be held in San Francisco, California, and Seattle, Washington, in April by the Fish and Wildlife Service for the purpose of presenting first-hand information on the current migratory waterfowl situation to State officials, conservation agencies, representatives of sportsmen's groups, and the press, Albert M. Day, Service director, stated today.

The San Francisco meeting will be held on April 6 in the Comstock Room of the Palace Hotel.

The Seattle meeting will take place on April 13 in the Labor Temple, 1st and Clay Streets.

Director Day expects to preside at these two meetings. The remainder of the meetings will be conducted by Dr. Clarence Cottam, assistant director.

The 1948 meetings, Mr. Day explained, will be patterned along the lines of the experimental hearings held for the first time last year in 12 key cities, except that they will be limited to one day. This year Service officials will make extensive use of new sets of slides and charts to illustrate their talks on waterfowl.

"We hope that organized conservation groups, sportsmen, outdoor writers, and all persons interested in the restoration of waterfowl will take advantage of the opportunity to attend these meetings and to submit any information, recommendations, or statements they desire to offer to the Service officials in charge," said Mr. Day. He emphasized, however, that no details of the hunting regulations for 1948 would be available for these conferences because "we cannot attempt to set the 1948 season until after we see what the spring hatch will be."

The West Coast hearings will be followed by meetings in a number of other important cities where the waterfowl problem is of keen interest to sportsmen. The schedule is as follows:

Minneapolis, Minn.	-----	April 23
Columbus, Ohio	-----	April 26
Chicago, Ill.	-----	April 27
Denver, Colo.	-----	April 28
Houston, Texas	-----	May 5
New Orleans, La.	-----	May 6
Memphis, Tenn.	-----	May 10
Charleston, S. C.	-----	May 13
Albany, N. Y.	-----	May 20
Boston, Mass.	-----	May 21
Baltimore, Md.	-----	May 24
Salt Lake City, Utah	-----	June 2, 3, or 4

The Salt Lake City waterfowl discussions will be held sometime during the meeting of the Western Association of Game and Fish Commissioners.

The exact time and place of all meetings will be announced by the Service's regional directors who will arrange all details for the meetings held within their respective regions. The Service's regional offices are located in Portland, Oregon, Albuquerque, New Mexico, Minneapolis, Minnesota, Atlanta, Georgia, and Boston, Massachusetts. If public demand is sufficient, Mr. Day has authorized regional directors to hold additional meetings at places other than those now scheduled.

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