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LACK OF QUALIFIED PERSONNEL HANDICAPS FISHERY STUDY

Lack of qualified personnel is restricting the study of Pacific fishery resources, Albert M. Day, Director of the Fish and Wildlife Service, said today.

The Service needs trained fishery biologists and oceanographers for work in this new research program which received an appropriation of \$1,000,000 under the Farrington Act, Public Law 329, Mr. Day said.

The program is primarily concerned with developing a profitable fishing industry by American fishermen in the central Pacific oceanic area, including the former Japanese-mandated regions.

Construction of a laboratory on the University of Hawaii's campus and the outfitting of three vessels for experimental fishing and scientific research is planned. Eighteen fishery biologists and oceanographers, a similar number of specialists in commercial fishing and the processing of fishery products, and necessary vessel crews will be employed for the program.

Honolulu will serve as headquarters. From there, exploration and research will be conducted in the Line, Marshall, Marianna, Caroline, and Palau Islands.

Positions are available for fishery biologists and oceanographers in grades P-2 to P-5 with annual salaries from \$3,727 to \$6,235, plus a pay differential up to 25 percent for service in Hawaii.

Additional personnel is also needed for continuing and expanding activities in the United States and Alaska.

Applicants for the fishery biologist positions require a bachelor's degree in biological science, with emphasis on the study of aquatic organisms, and a minimum of one year of fishery experience.

Applicants for the oceanographer positions require a bachelor's degree in one of the physical sciences, and a minimum of one year of experience in one of the oceanographic fields.

Qualified persons who are interested in employment in the Pacific or in the United States and Alaska should write to the Director, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, Washington 25, D. C.

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