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ANNOUNCE THIRD ANNUAL SERIES OF PUBLIC WATERFOWL MEETINGS

For the third consecutive year the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service will hold a series of nation-wide public meetings to present first-hand information on the current status of migratory waterfowl to State officials, conservation agencies, representatives of sportsmen's groups, and the press, Albert M. Day, Service director, announced today.

Dr. Clarence Cottam, assistant director, will conduct most of the meetings, assisted by regional personnel of the Service. At these meetings the Service officials will make extensive use of new slides and charts to illustrate their talks on waterfowl.

How the Service conducts the winter waterfowl census and the spring breeding ground surveys will be discussed in detail. Although the manner of drawing up the waterfowl regulations will be explained, Director Day stated that no forecasts concerning the 1949 hunting regulations could be made during the course of the meetings "because the preliminary data on breeding ground populations and production of young will not be available until the latter part of June."

Conservation clubs, sportsmen, outdoor writers, and all persons who are interested in maintaining waterfowl as an important national resource, are cordially invited to attend these meetings, said Director Day. "We hope the attendance will be large at all of these meetings and we hope that those who come will give us the benefit of their observations and recommendations."

The time and place of the various meetings now scheduled are as follows:

- Atlanta, Ga., April 18, Ansley Hotel, 9:30 a.m.
- Chicago, Ill., April 20, Hotel Sherman, 10:00 a.m.
- Minneapolis, Minn., April 22, Curtis Hotel, 10:00 a.m.
- Lincoln, Nebr., April 25, Cornhusker Hotel, 10:00 a.m.
- Sacramento, Calif., April 28, Sacramento Hotel, Mirror Room,
10 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Oklahoma City, Okla., May 12, Historical Building, Capitol
Grounds, 8:00 p.m.
- Columbus, Ohio, May 17, State Office Building, 7:30 p.m.
- Boston, Mass., May 19, Gardner Auditorium, 2:00 p.m.
- Syracuse, N. Y., May 24, (place not yet selected)
- Wilmington, Del., May 27, Public Library, 7:30 p.m.
- Seattle, Wash., June 13, Auditorium of State Game Department
Building, 509 Fairview Avenue North, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Regional directors of the Service have been authorized to hold additional meetings within their respective regions, at places other than those now scheduled, if public demand is sufficient. Information concerning the possibility of extra meetings may be obtained from the regional directors who are located in Portland, Oreg.; Albuquerque, N. Mex.; Minneapolis, Minn.; Atlanta, Ga.; and Boston, Mass.

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