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BALTZO NAMED ASSISTANT REGIONAL DIRECTOR FOR FWS IN ALASKA

The appointment of C. Howard Baltzo to a new position of Assistant Regional Director of the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Alaska was announced today by Interior Secretary Oscar L. Chapman.

Mr. Baltzo has been Assistant Chief of the Branch of Fisheries in Washington, D. C.

According to Albert M. Day, Director of the Service, this addition to the Alaska staff will help to effectuate a new plan for closer coordination in the management of Alaska's valuable fishery and wildlife resources which the Service put into operation on May 1, 1948.

"The activities of the Service in Alaska have expanded so much in recent years, due to the influx of new residents, tourists, and military personnel, that we have reached the point where we have to give Regional Director Clarence Rhode an assistant to share with him the responsibility for the direction of our Alaska program," declared Mr. Day. "Although Mr. Baltzo specializes in the field of fishery management and will give special attention to the Territory's fishery problems, he will be concerned with all other phases of wildlife work as well."

According to present plans, Mr. Baltzo will report for duty in Juneau, where regional headquarters are located, on or about June 1. His family, consisting of his wife and a son and daughter, will accompany him.

Mr. Baltzo has had 11 years of research, management, and administrative experience with the Fish and Wildlife Service, including three years in Alaska field activities. In addition to his Federal service, he worked for the Fishery Department of the State of Washington for two years. From January 1947 to July 1948 he was a partner and manager of The City Store in Wrangell, Alaska. He returned to the Service in July 1948 in the capacity of Assistant Chief of the Branch of Alaska Fisheries.

Baltzo was born in Seattle, Wash., on June 19, 1913. He graduated cum laude from the School of Fisheries of the University of Washington at Seattle in June 1935, following which he did graduate work in fisheries and bacteriology. He is an associate member of Sigma Xi, honorary scientific fraternity.

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