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## HICKIE NAMED CHIEF OF WILDLIFE INVESTIGATIONS ON PUBLIC LANDS

Appointment of Paul F. Hickie, present regional chief of Michigan's Department of Conservation, to the position of Chief, Section of Wildlife Investigations on Public Lands, Branch of Wildlife Research, Fish and Wildlife Service, was announced today by Secretary of the Interior Oscar L. Chapman.

Mr. Hickie will report for duty about July 1 at the Service's Denver Research Laboratory, where he will have headquarters. The position of Chief of the Section of Wildlife Investigations was formerly held by Dr. Neil W. Hosley, with offices in Washington. Dr. Hosley was appointed leader of the Alaska Cooperative Wildlife Research Unit last February.

With many years of experience in the management of forests and public lands, Mr. Hickie is especially well qualified for his new position, according to Service Director Albert M. Day. Mr. Day explained that the Fish and Wildlife Service conducts investigations on public lands for the purpose of correlating wildlife interests with those of grazing, forestry, and other land uses.

Mr. Hickie joined Michigan's Department of Conservation as a mammalogist in the game division in 1934 and became regional chief at Jackson, Michigan, in 1948, following his return from military service.

He served six years in uniform, including duty in New Guinea and the Philippine Islands. In Japan, Hickie was chief forester on General MacArthur's staff and was in charge of administering the forest resources of the Japanese islands.

Native of Michigan, Hickie graduated from Michigan State College in 1929, and received his MS degree in mammalogy from the University of Michigan in 1931. In 1929, he worked with Dr. Murie in making a detailed study of the natural resources of Isle Royale. He was also curator of the E. S. George wildlife reserve at the University of Michigan.

Hickie's wife, Naoma, and child, Valerie, will join him in Denver.

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