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DR. JOHN L. KASK RESIGNS AS FWS ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

Secretary of the Interior Douglas McKay announced today the resignation, effective July 7, of Dr. John L. Kask, assistant director of the Fish and Wildlife Service. Dr. Kask has accepted the position of chairman of the Fisheries Research Board of Canada, with headquarters located in Ottawa.

Dr. Kask became assistant director of the Fish and Wildlife Service on April 1, 1952, filling the vacancy created by the retirement of Milton C. James. Prior to that he had been chief of the Service's Office of Foreign Activities and assistant director of the Pacific Oceanic Fishery Investigations at Honolulu, T. H.

Dr. Kask has also resigned as one of the three United States Commissioners of the International Commission for the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries, and from the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission, the International Commission for the Scientific Investigation of Tuna, and as Deputy Commissioner of the International Whaling Commission, to which posts he had been appointed by the President.

Dr. Kask is a veteran of more than 25 years of activity in the field of fishery management and research. Born in Red Deer, Alberta, Canada, on March 21, 1906, he graduated from the University of British Columbia in 1928 and received his Ph.D. degree at the University of Washington School of Fisheries in Seattle in 1936. He served on the scientific staff of the International Halibut Commission from 1929 to 1937 as research scientist and from 1938 to 1943 as assistant director of the International Sockeye Salmon Commission. From there he moved to California and served as curator of aquatic biology at the California Academy of Sciences until 1948 when he was selected for the post of chief biologist of the Fisheries Division of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations. During 1948, 1949, and 1950, he traveled extensively in New Zealand, Australia, the Far East, Middle East, and Europe on various FAO missions.

During World War II Dr. Kask served as Captain and Major in the Army of the United States, and was associated for almost two years with the Natural Resources Section of SCAP during the early days of the Japanese occupation.

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