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FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE ASSIGNS REGIONAL DIRECTOR TO WASHINGTON OFFICE

Selection of David R. Gascoyne, regional director of the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife in Boston, Mass., as a program planning officer for the Fish and Wildlife Service, was announced today by Ross Leffler, Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Fish and Wildlife.

Mr. Gascoyne, working in the Office of the Commissioner, will assist the two bureaus of the Fish and Wildlife Service in the planning and development of programs on a long range and annual basis. He will also be responsible for the initiation of management improvement programs.

Assistant Secretary Leffler pointed out that the Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956 was passed to establish a sound and comprehensive national policy with respect to fish and wildlife. The programming and planning of operations, and a review of activities of the Bureaus by the Office of the Commissioner, under Arnie J. Suomela, is essential to the accomplishment of this objective, he said.

Mr. Gascoyne has a broad Service background. He entered on duty with the Service on October 18, 1936 as law enforcement agent, and later served in the Federal Aid Branch in Atlanta, Georgia. He served in the military service from April 1942, to March 1946, and was commissioned a Lieutenant Colonel. Following military service he returned to law enforcement, worked with the foreign student trainee program, and became Assistant Chief of the Branch of Game Management on March 1, 1948. He was designated Regional Director, Boston, Massachusetts, on June 17, 1949.

Mr. Gascoyne will assume his new duties on April 1, 1959. His successor as regional director will be announced shortly, Assistant Leffler said.

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