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NEW TRAINING PROGRAM TO BE INITIATED BY COMMERCIAL FISHERIES

A new program designed to broaden the experience of key supervisors both in the Washington and field offices of the Bureau of Commercial Fisheries will be initiated this month, Commissioner of Fish and Wildlife Arnie J. Suomela announced today.

The first step in the program involves the exchange of headquarters--and homes--for most of next year by a Division Chief in the Washington office and the Area Director in California.

H. E. Crowther, Chief of the Division of Industrial Research in Washington, will leave for California the latter part of August to take over the duties of Area Director in charge of the Bureau's Area Office at Terminal Island.

Donald R. Johnson, now Area Director for California, will come to Washington late in August for approximately a year.

In his new capacity Mr. Crowther will be responsible for line supervision of all phases of the Bureau's activities in California where the tuna, sardine, and oceanographic research programs are of major importance. In his Washington office position Mr. Crowther has had staff supervision of industrial research programs only, for the country as a whole.

Mr. Crowther's duties in Washington will be handled by Charles Butler, now Saltonstall-Kennedy Program Coordinator. This will give Mr. Johnson the opportunity to gain experience in all the fields in which the Bureau functions since he will serve several months in a staff capacity in the Divisions of Administration, Biological Research, Industrial Research and Resource Development, and in the Office of the Director of the Bureau.

Other similiar exchanges of personnel are planned for the future.

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