

In April 1957, Mr. McKernan was appointed the first Director of the Bureau of Commercial Fisheries, created by the 1956 reorganization of the Fish and Wildlife Service. He had been the Administrator, Alaska Commercial Fisheries, after serving $3\frac{1}{2}$ years as Assistant Director of the Fish and Wildlife Service's Pacific Oceanic Fishery Investigations in Honolulu, Hawaii.

Mr. McKernan was born in Eugene, Oreg., January 29, 1918 and was raised in Seattle, Wash., where he attended public schools. In addition to his B.S. degree from the University of Washington's School of Fisheries, he completed his academic requirements for a Ph.D. in Fisheries from that institution while on leave of absence as Director of Research for the Oregon Fish Commission, a post he held from 1945 to 1952.

In August 1957, Mr. McKernan was appointed by the President as a member of the United States Section of the Great Lakes Fishery Commission, and as a member and chairman of the United States Section of the Passamaquoddy Fisheries Board of the International Joint Commission. He is also an adviser on the International North Pacific Fisheries Commission.

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