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NEW ASSISTANT DIRECTOR APPOINTED FOR BUREAU OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES GREAT  
LAKES AND CENTRAL REGION

Ernest D. Premetz, assistant chief of the branch of marketing, Bureau of Commercial Fisheries, Washington, D. C., has been appointed Assistant Regional Director of the Bureau's Great Lakes and Central Region, with headquarters at Ann Arbor, Mich., the Department of the Interior announced today. The appointment will be effective October 28.

The Great Lakes and Central Region includes Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Tennessee, Wisconsin, and those portions of New York and Pennsylvania bordering the Great Lakes.

Mr. Premetz entered Federal service as an aquatic biologist in 1949. As Fishery Research Biologist, he was associated with the flounder and haddock investigations at New Bedford and Woods Hole, Massachusetts, until 1954, when he was assigned to Washington, D. C., to participate in the Departmental Management Training Program. He joined the Branch of Marketing in August 1955 and headed up the industrial utilization program in the Great Lakes area with headquarters at Sheffield Lake, Ohio. Later, he was detailed to Washington, D. C., for 3 months as a member of a 4-man task force to help develop a long-range program for the Bureau of Commercial Fisheries; and in May 1958, he was transferred to Washington, D. C., to assume his present position.

Mr. Premetz was born in Cleveland, Ohio, in 1921 and attended public schools there and in Buffalo, New York. He received his B.A. degree in biology in 1948 from the University of Buffalo, and has done graduate work at the School of Government at the George Washington University, Washington, D. C. During World War II, he served in the European Theater of Operations with the 101st Airborne Division.

Mr. Premetz is married to the former Gwynneth Crompton of Winthrop, Mass. They have two children.

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