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NEW ZEALAND CONSERVATIONIST VISITS UNITED STATES

Mr. Patrick J. Burstall, Assistant Conservator of Wildlife for the Rotorua-Taupo District of New Zealand, is spending 2½ months observing fish cultural methods and fish diversion facilities in the United States, the Department of the Interior announced today.

Mr. Burstall, whose district is one of New Zealand's best trout fishing areas, expects to visit State fish hatcheries, units of the National Fish Hatchery System operation by Interior's Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife, and Regional Offices of the Bureau in Albuquerque, New Mexico, and Portland, Oregon. He will also discuss fishery matters with several private individuals.

Mr. Burstall plans to purchase a fully equipped fish distribution truck for shipment to New Zealand where it will be used for transporting hatchery trout.

Bureau Director John S. Gottschalk emphasized the importance of Mr. Burstall's visit in this International Cooperation Year. "Such visits are highly beneficial not only for increasing international understanding and good will but in promoting conservation on a global basis," the Director said.

Mr. Burstall is a keen student of the American Civil War and hopes to visit a number of battlefields and museums.

This is Mr. Burstall's second trip to the United States. He visited fish cultural facilities here in 1960.

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