



or stored agricultural crops from bird and rodent damage; and protection of livestock from depredations and wildlife-borne diseases.

John S. Gottschalk, Director of the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife, said, "These programs will be conducted only when necessary, in the most responsible manner possible and with scientific finesse-- using the best methods available. Control services of the Bureau will be available only upon request, and with the full approval of responsible agencies or landowners. In each state an annual work plan for animal control will be developed in cooperation with appropriate state and federal agencies. In conducting this program, we intend to protect the integrity of the environment."

Gottschalk said the objective of the Bureau is to cooperate with state and federal agencies in conservation and management of the nation's fish and wildlife resources "for the use and enjoyment of the entire citizenry."

"Our new animal control policy statement demonstrates our determination to resolve past misunderstandings," he added.

In approving the new policy, Secretary Udall stated:

"This is one more guide to wise husbandry of our wildlife resources-- a policy stating the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife's task of weighing the need for animal control against the social and aesthetic values of wild creatures. This is a clear declaration of purpose and a firm resolve that in protecting the interests of man, we will not jeopardize the environment in which we all must live."

The Secretary's Advisory Board on Wildlife Management consists of Dr. A. Starker Leopold, University of California, Berkeley; Dr. Ira N. Gabrielson, Wildlife Management Institute, Washington, D.C.; Thomas L. Kimball, National Wildlife Federation, Washington, D.C.; Dr. Clarence Cottam, Welder Wildlife Foundation, Sinton, Tex.; and Dr. Ian McT. Cowan, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, B.C., Canada.

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