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CALIFORNIAN APPOINTED DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

Lynn A. Greenwalt, Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, today announced the appointment of George W. Milias of Gilroy, California, as the Service's Deputy Director.

Mr. Milias, 50, a native of California, has a broad background in environmental matters, having served from 1973 to 1974 as Director of Environmental Quality in the Department of Defense. In this capacity Mr. Milias supervised and directed all environmental programs of the Department of Defense. He also chaired DOD's Environmental Council and was active in developing and implementing Defense-wide recycling efforts.

He also served during 1972-73 as Deputy Regional Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, San Francisco Region, where he had administrative responsibility for EPA programs in California, Nevada, Arizona, Hawaii, and the U.S. Pacific territories.

Mr. Milias was a California State Assemblyman from 1963 to 1971, and served as chairman of both the Speaker's Select Committee on Environment and the Natural Resources Committee. He was awarded the California Wildlife Federation's Conservationist of the Year Award in 1970.

Mr. Milias is a graduate of San Jose State University and holds a Masters Degree from Stanford University. He is married to the former Mary Ann Rodeck of Gilroy, California, and now resides in Mt. Vernon, Virginia.

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