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NEW COMMISSION MEMBER PREPARES FOR TOKYO MEETING

Arnie J. Suomela, Commissioner, United States Fish and Wildlife Service, recently named by President Eisenhower to be United States Commissioner on the international North Pacific Fisheries Commission, will leave Washington October 23, for Tokyo, Japan, to attend the meeting of the International Commission there.

The International North Pacific Fishery Commission was established by an agreement between Canada, Japan and the United States in February 1954. The Commission was created to effect joint investigation and conservation of stocks of fish in the North Pacific, especially salmon which are of concern to member governments, and to probe problems attendant to the management of those stocks.

The Tokyo meetings will begin October 20 and continue until November 10. Some personnel from the Bureau of Commercial Fisheries, United States Fish and Wildlife Service, will attend the Tokyo meeting in a technical capacity.

Mr. Suomela was named by the President to fill the vacancy made by the withdrawal of Assistant Secretary of the Interior Ross Leffler from his position on the commission. Secretary Leffler resigned from the Commission only because of the increase in his duties as Assistant Secretary, in connection with domestic problems of the commercial fisheries and sport fish and wildlife activities.

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