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NEW DIRECTORY OF GAME OFFICIALS

The twentieth annual directory of officials and organizations concerned with the protection of birds and game in the United States, Canada, and Newfoundland, revised by the Bureau of Biological Survey to August 1, 1919, has just been published as Department Circular 63 by the United States Department of Agriculture. It presents in convenient form the addresses of persons from whom information may be obtained concerning game laws. It also shows the date of establishment of each State commission or wardenship, the changes which have occurred in such offices since last year, and the publications issued by game officials.

During the year legislative changes affecting the administration of the game laws occurred in Idaho and Indiana. Idaho created a department of law enforcement with a fish and game bureau under its jurisdiction; and Indiana, a department of conservation with a division of fish and game, which was also specially authorized to encourage and assist in the organization of game protective associations throughout the State.

In 46 States and in Alaska the enforcement of game laws is intrusted to game commissioners, wardens, or other State officers; in Florida and Mississippi, to county wardens; and in the District of Columbia, to the Metropolitan police. Several national and two international organizations are interested in the protection of birds and game. In addition, State associations and many local organizations cooperate in the work of protecting game in 30 States and in Alaska. Thirty States and the District of Columbia have Audubon societies, organized especially for the study and protection of non-game birds.

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