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The appointment of Dr. Ira N. Gabrielson, Director of the Fish and Wild Life Service, Department of the Interior, to the Deputy Fishery Coordinator, was announced today by Secretary of the Interior Harold L. Ickes.

Selection of Dr. Gabrielson was made in accordance with the executive order of President Roosevelt, issued July 21, designating Secretary Ickes as Fishery Coordinator, and authorizing the appointment of a Deputy Coordinator.

Under the terms of the executive order, the Office of Fishery Coordinator will be responsible for the development and sustained production of aquatic food supplies essential to the conduct of the war, and will serve to bring about the utmost cooperation between federal and state governmental agencies and the fisheries industry in the conservation, production, processing, packing, transportation, marketing and consumption of fish and other fishery products. At the same time, the Office will serve as a clearing house for information concerning steps necessary to be taken for the solution of supply, allocation and procurement problems confronting the fisheries industry.