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John Pearce has been appointed regional director and Edward W. Bailey, assistant regional director of Region 5 of the Fish and Wildlife Service with headquarters at Boston, Mass., Dr. Ira N. Gabrielson, director of the Service announced today. Mr. Pearce has been assistant director of the office since March 14, 1945, and Mr. Bailey has been assistant chief of the Division of Fishery Biology at the Chicago headquarters of the Service.

Mr. Pearce, who succeeds the late S. Barry Locke, has already assumed his new duties. Mr. Bailey will report for duty in Boston on or about February 15.

In his new position, Mr. Pearce will direct field activities of the Service's Region 5 which comprises the states of Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Delaware, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Maryland, Virginia, and West Virginia.

By transfer from the U.S. Forest Service at Warrén, Pa., Mr. Pearce joined the Fish and Wildlife Service on March 1, 1937, to conduct biological research in the New England states, with headquarters at New Haven, Conn. In 1941 he was transferred to Orono, Maine, to become associate biologist in charge of the Co-operative Wildlife Research Unit at the University of Maine. A year later he became regional inspector of Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Activities in Region 5 and served in that capacity until his promotion to assistant regional director in March, 1945.

Although he was born in Manchester, England, in 1908, Mr. Pearce has lived most of his life in this country. In 1920 he became a naturalized citizen. He was graduated from the New York State College of Forestry in June, 1934, with a B.S. degree in Forestry and Zoology, and in May, 1935, received his M.F. degree in Silviculture.

The new assistant regional director, Edward W. Bailey, is a native New Englander, his birthplace being Needham Heights, Mass. He was graduated with a B.S. degree from Dartmouth College in 1925 and received his M.A. from Harvard University in 1931.

In March, 1927, Mr. Bailey was appointed to the research staff of the former Bureau of Fisheries as a field biologist in mackerel investigations and for some time was headquartered at Cambridge, Mass. For several seasons he served as oceanographic assistant aboard the fishery research vessel Albatross II.

Since October 1931, as assistant chief of the Division of Fishery Biology, Mr. Bailey has assisted and collaborated in the direction of the Service's fishery biological research programs in addition to serving as administrative officer.

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