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#### TALBOTT DENMEAD RETIRES FROM FEDERAL SERVICE

Talbott Denmead, veteran of 26 years of Federal service, will retire on January 31 at the age of 70 as Chief of the Section of Importations and Permits of the Fish and Wildlife Service, Albert M. Day, Director of the Service, announced today. Mr. Denmead has been located in Chicago since 1942 when the Service's headquarters was moved to that city.

"Mr. Denmead is one of the outstanding conservationists in America today and his retirement will be distinctly felt in the Fish and Wildlife Service," said Mr. Day. "We take satisfaction, however, in knowing that he will continue to be influential in work along lines with which the Service is concerned. Free from his official duties, Mr. Denmead has before him much productive effort in the field of activity so close to his heart--the conservation and perpetuation of our country's fishery and wildlife resources."

Talbott Denmead III was born in Baltimore, Md., on January 19, 1877, and has maintained his residence in the same legislative district all his life. He received his education in that city in Lamb's Elementary and High Schools and the Johns Hopkins University. In 1897 he entered the University of Maryland Law School, graduating in June 1900 with an LL.B. degree. He was soon admitted to the Baltimore and Maryland Bars and later to the Maryland Court of Appeals.

After graduation Mr. Denmead practiced law in Baltimore and codified for publication the Maryland game and fish laws. In 1906 he was elected secretary of the

Maryland State Game and Fish Protective Association. Later he was made its president and served in that capacity for six years. In 1910 he was made a member of a special game and fish commission of Maryland by Gov. A. L. Crothers. From 1912 to 1913 he acted as attorney for the Maryland State Game Warden and from 1918 to 1920 he was Chief Deputy of the Maryland Conservation Commission.

Because of his interest in fish and game conservation, Mr. Denmead was active in measures to bring about the passage of the Federal Migratory Bird Law of 1913 and the negotiation of the Migratory Bird Treaty of 1916. He also assisted in drafting many of Maryland's game and fish laws from 1910 to 1918, including the State-wide hunting-license law, and laws on bag limits, waterfowl conservation, and the first State-wide fish law of 1910 which, among other things, gave protection to small fish. He was also a member of a special Maryland commission that conferred with a similar commission of Virginia to draft joint legislation for the protection of fish, oysters, and crabs in the Potomac River.

On January 3, 1921, Mr. Denmead was appointed Deputy Chief U.S. Game Warden in the Bureau of Biological Survey, U.S. Department of Agriculture. During his 10 years in this work he served as Acting Chief U.S. Game Warden for more than two years, and four years as assistant U.S. game conservation officer.

In 1931 he was transferred to the Bureau of Fisheries to direct the enforcement of the amended Federal Black Bass Law to regulate interstate transportation of large- and smallmouth black bass. His transfer was requested by the Commissioner of Fisheries on the ground that his experience of 10 years in the enforcement of the Migratory Bird Treaty and Lacey Acts, particularly with those phases that concern restrictions on illegal interstate commerce in game, peculiarly fitted Mr. Denmead for this specialized type of work in the Bureau of Fisheries. In 1941, after the Bureau of Fisheries and the Bureau of Biological Survey were merged into the Fish and Wildlife Service, Mr. Denmead was placed in charge of the Section of Importations and Permits in the Division of Game Management, a job requiring world-wide knowledge of exotic species of birds and mammals.

Mr. Denmead's interest in both game and fish is indicated not only by his regular hunting and fishing trips in many parts of the United States but by his selection for such positions as president of the Maryland State Game and Fish Protective Association, first president of the Maryland State Council of the Izaak Walton League of America, national director of the League, and Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Maryland Outdoor Life Federation. At present he is general counsel for the International Association of Game, Fish, and Conservation Commissioners. He has been a member of the American Fisheries Society for 26 years, serving as vice-president of both the Angling Division and the Legislation Division, and for more than six years as secretary of its Pollution Study Committee. In addition he is a member of the Maryland Academy of Sciences, American International Academy, Outdoor Writers Association of America, Brotherhood of Jungle Cock, American Ornithological Union, Baltimore County Fish and Game Association, Illinois Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs, Sportsmen's Club of America, and others.

Mr. Denmead is the author of several publications issued by the Service on conservation matters and of 100 or more stories on fishing and hunting which have appeared in various State conservation magazines and in the national outdoor magazines.

In Baltimore Mr. Denmead's residence is at 2830 St. Paul Avenue and upon his return to that city he plans to resume his law practice.

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