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NEW GAME CHIEF APPOINTED

Two personnel changes of interest to sportsmen and commercial fishermen were announced today by Albert M. Day, Director of the Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior.

Jesse F. Thompson, formerly Regional Supervisor of Law Enforcement in Region 3 since 1941, with headquarters at Minneapolis, Minn., has been transferred to Washington, D. C., to assume the duties of chief of the Division of Game Management. He succeeds W. E. Crouch who retired on October 31, 1947, because of poor health. The appointment became effective on January 6. Mr. Thompson, a native of Missouri, has been with the Service since September 1935.

Fred F. Johnson, assistant chief of the Division of Commercial Fisheries in Washington since 1935, will go to Portland, Oregon, in April to become Assistant Regional Director in Region 1. Mr. Johnson, a native of California, is a graduate of George Washington University and joined the former Bureau of Fisheries in 1920.

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