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L. S. CHRISTEY NAMED DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR
OF F.W.S.' PHILIPPINE FISHERY PROGRAM

Leroy S. Christey, of Tacoma, Wash., was appointed deputy administrator of the Fish and Wildlife Service's Philippine Fishery Program today by Albert M. Day, the Service's Director.

Mr. Christey, who is 41-years-old, married, and has two children, has been in the Fish and Wildlife Service (and its predecessor agency, the Bureau of Fisheries) since 1934, with the exception of the past three years. Since 1945, he has been employed by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation as manager of its exploratory fishing program.

He entered Federal fishery service immediately after his graduation from the University of Washington, where he was an economics major. Mr. Christey was in Alaska until 1936 doing fishery research. During the next two years, he was on the staff of the U. S. Fishery Technological Laboratory in Seattle, Wash.

After a short period as a statistical agent, he returned to Alaska in 1940 as the leader of the crab investigation project. During the War, he was in the Office of the Coordinator of Fisheries, and was later chief of the Market Development Section in the Fish and Wildlife Service's Branch of Commercial Fisheries.

Mr. Christey, who departs for Manila about November 1, will assist in the planning and administration of the Philippine Fishery Program and will act as an economic adviser to the Philippine fishing industry.

Established by the 79th Congress' Philippine Rehabilitation Act of 1946, the Fish and Wildlife Service's Philippine Fishery Program has explored new fishing grounds, introduced new methods of fishing, and has advised the Philippine Government in the management and development of the Islands' fishery resources. Hugh W. Terhune is the Program's administrator.

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