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DFA SETS UP BRANCH OF ECONOMIC FACILITIES

Appointment of Dr. Richard A. Kahn as acting chief of a newly established Branch of Economic Facilities in the Defense Fisheries Administration was announced today by Secretary of the Interior Oscar L. Chapman.

The new branch, according to Defense Fisheries Administrator Albert M. Day, will plan and initiate programs relating to the economic aspects of the fishery industries, such as allocation of fish landings, concentration of production insofar as required, and interpretation of control regulations. It will also exercise advisory functions for the staff and for other Government agencies on ceiling prices, rationing, and manpower.

Dr. Kahn has been Chief of the Economics and Cooperative Marketing Section, Branch of Commercial Fisheries, Fish and Wildlife Service, since January 6, 1944. His new duties will be somewhat similar to those he had during World War II when he was detailed from the Fish and Wildlife Service to the Office of the Coordinator of Fisheries in Washington, D. C., to assist in handling manpower problems, deferments, allocation and concentration orders, and matters related to the adjustment of ceiling prices then administered by the Office of Price Administration.

Prior to joining the Fish and Wildlife Service, Dr. Kahn was employed as an economist with the United States Railroad Retirement Board and the Office of Price Administration. Before entering Government service he held positions as an economist in industrial enterprises and trade associations. He also taught economics at several universities.

Dr. Kahn is married, has three sons, and lives at 3907 58th Avenue, Hyattsville, Maryland.

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