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DFA ESTABLISHES FIELD OFFICE IN NEW ORLEANS

The appointment of Donald Y. Aska as Area Supervisor for the western Gulf States operations of the Defense Fisheries Administration was announced today by Secretary of the Interior Oscar L. Chapman.

The Gulf States office of DFA will be established temporarily in the Fish and Wildlife Service's Market News Office at 1100 Decatur Street in New Orleans, La. Mr. Aska expects to arrive there about March 10.

Mr. Aska will handle local man power, material, production, and other problems confronting the fishing industry in Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas, as a result of the stepped-up defense production operations. He will serve also in a liaison capacity between the Gulf fishing industry and the Washington offices of DFA. With this regional set-up, many problems can be solved quickly at the local level without referral to the Washington headquarters, declared Administrator Albert M. Day.

Mr. Aska has been in the employ of the Fish and Wildlife Service since 1938, most recently serving as Chief of the Educational and Market Development Section of the Branch of Commercial Fisheries. In this capacity he has directed the Service's broad program to increase markets for fishery products.

A graduate of the University of Washington where he attended the School of Fisheries, Aska is a veteran of World War II, having served with the Army Engineers both in this country and in the European Theater. He is married and has two children. His Washington area address is 3504 Gunston Rd., Alexandria, Va.

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