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FWS ISSUES NEW HANDBOOK ON ALASKAN WILDLIFE

A new publication on the representative fish and wildlife species of Alaska, intended primarily as a reference handbook for newcomers to the Territory, has just been released by the Fish and Wildlife Service, according to an announcement today by Secretary of the Interior Douglas McKay.

The handbook, Alaska's Fish and Wildlife, was written by Clarence Rhode, regional director for the Service in Alaska, and Will Barker, to help orient the soldier, sportsman, tourist, and homesteader upon arrival in Alaska. It points out the importance of the renewable fish and wildlife resources to the economy of the Territory and emphasizes the need for protecting and managing them properly. Stress is also placed on the fact that big game is by no means as plentiful in Alaska as people have been led to believe.

In addition to the descriptions of Alaska's big game, fur animals, birds, and fishes, and the localities where found, the publication contains a number of illustrations by Bob Hines, FWS staff artist.

School children will find the booklet of value in their study of Alaska and its resources since it includes checklists of the more representative fish and wildlife species.

Copies of Alaska's Fish and Wildlife, Circular 17, can be purchased for 25 cents from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D. C.

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