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URBAN NELSON TO TAKE OVER FWS POST IN ALASKA

The appointment of Urban C. Nelson as acting regional director in Alaska for the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife, United States Fish and Wildlife Service, was announced today by the Department of the Interior.

Mr. Nelson succeeds, in an acting capacity, to the post held by Clarence Rhode who disappeared with two other persons last August during an aircraft flight in the Brooks Range area of Arctic Alaska.

Nelson has been serving as Chief of the Bureau's Division of Fish and Game Restoration, with headquarters at the Regional Office in Juneau. In this position he has been responsible for supervising and coordinating the Bureau's Federal Aid in fish and wildlife restoration and the refuge programs in Alaska.

Nelson has been with the Service in Alaska since 1948 when he transferred from the Soil Conservation Service of the Department of Agriculture, at Stillwater, Minn. He is a native of Minneapolis, Minn., and holds a B. S. degree from the University of Minnesota.

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