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FORMER INDIANIAN NAMED REGIONAL SPORT FISH AND WILDLIFE DIRECTOR

Appointment of John S. Gottschalk, Chief of the Division of Fisheries, Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife, as Director of the Bureau's operations in Region 5, was announced today by Ross L. Leffler, Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Fish and Wildlife. The appointment is effective May 18, 1959.

Mr. Gottschalk replaces David R. Gascoyne who was transferred to the Washington office of the Fish and Wildlife Service on April 1 to become a program planning officer for the Service.

Region 5 of the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife comprises the States of Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Delaware, Pennsylvania and West Virginia. The Regional Office is in Boston, Mass.

In his new position, Mr. Gottschalk will be responsible for all of the Bureau's activities in the fields of sport fishing and wildlife in the 11 States. By education and training he is a "fishery man" but during his 14 years with the Fish and Wildlife Service he has worked extensively with both fish and wildlife problems. Coming to the Service in 1945 as an aquatic biologist, he has moved successively into fishery research, river basin development and administration of Federal aid for the restoration of fish and game.

He was named Chief of the Division of Fisheries, Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife on November 10, 1957, after six years as an Assistant Chief of the Branch of Federal Aid and two years with Missouri River Basin Studies as fish and wildlife administrator and as supervisor.

Mr. Gottschalk was born in Berne, Indiana, in 1912. He began his career in conservation in 1930 with the Indiana Department of Conservation as a part-time

employee. In 1934, he received his bachelor's degree in fishery biology at Earlham College, Richmond, Indiana. After graduation he became a full-time employee of the Indiana Department and served as Superintendent of Fisheries for three and a half years. Subsequently, he received his master's degree from Indiana University.

He has been a member of the Wildlife Society since 1945 and was vice-president of that organization in 1955. He is also a member and a former vice-president of the American Fisheries Society. He was the first member of the staff of the Fish and Wildlife Service to receive the Nash Conservation Award--a national citation given for outstanding service in the conservation field. Mr. Gottschalk is married and has two children.

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