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The promotion of Dr. Raymond E. Johnson of Washington, D. C., to the position of Chief of the Division of Sport Fisheries, Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife, was announced today by Ross Leffler, Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Fish and Wildlife.

Dr. Johnson has been chief of the branch of Federal aid. He is taking the position made vacant by the transfer of John Gottschalk to Boston as director of Region 5. Dr. Johnson will assume his new duties on May 18, the same day that Mr. Gottschalk becomes the regional director.

In his new position Dr. Johnson will have general supervision over the activities of the branch of fishery research, the branch of fishery management services, and the branch of fish hatcheries.

Dr. Johnson came to the Fish and Wildlife Service on August 27, 1951, as fisheries management biologist in Region 3 with headquarters in Minneapolis. He served in the Dingell-Johnson Program, branch of Federal aid, and as Chief of the Division of Fisheries for Region 3. He was transferred to Washington as chief of the branch of Federal aid on February 9, 1958.

Before coming to the Fish and Wildlife Service, Dr. Johnson had been employed for six years by the Minnesota Department of Conservation as supervisor of fisheries research. He served as an officer in the United States Navy for three years during World War II. Before his Navy experience, he was engaged in fishery surveys and lake management problems in Iowa and Nebraska, and was an instructor at the university of Iowa.

He received his Ph. D. in fisheries work from the University of Michigan in 1942, his M.S. from the University of Nebraska, and his bachelor degree from Doane College, Nebraska, in 1936. He is a member of the Wildlife Society, the American Fisheries Society, the American Society of Ichthyologists and Herpetologists, and the American Society of Limnology and Oceanography. He is the author of several scientific papers.

Dr. Johnson was born October 26, 1914, in Peru, Nebraska, is married and has one child.

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