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ALASKA DIRECTOR NAMED TO FILL FISHERIES POST IN GLOUCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS

The appointment of John T. Gharrett, Regional Director of the Bureau of Commercial Fisheries in Alaska, as Director of the Bureau's Regional Office in Gloucester, Massachusetts, was announced today by Assistant Secretary of the Interior Ross Leffler.

Mr. Gharrett replaces Joseph F. Puncochar who has resigned, effective July 5, to become Director of Research for the Maine Sardine Council.

Mr. Puncochar, an employee of the Fish and Wildlife Service for a quarter of a century, has been in charge of Bureau operations in the north Atlantic region since the office was established in 1958. In his new position, he will be located in Bangor, Maine.

Mr. Gharrett has been employed in fisheries research and management since 1940. He has been with the International Pacific Halibut Commission, Oregon State Fish Commission, Pacific Marine Fisheries Commission and the Bureau of Commercial Fisheries. He came to the Bureau in October 1955, and was attached to Alaska activities with headquarters in Juneau.

Mr. Gharrett is a graduate, cum laude, from the School of Fisheries, University of Washington. He is a member of the American Society of Ichthyologists and Herpetologists, the American Society of Limnology and Oceanography, and a member and past president of the Pacific Fishery Biologists. Mr. Gharrett will make his home in the Gloucester area. He is married and has three children.

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