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FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE REGIONAL DIRECTOR TO RETIRE

Leo L. Laythe, Regional Director of the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife's Pacific Region with headquarters at Portland, Oregon, will retire on December 31, 1960, after more than 40 years of Government Service, Director Daniel H. Janzen announced today. He will be succeeded by Paul T. Quick, Chief of the Bureau's Division of Wildlife in Washington, D. C.

Mr. Laythe has been Regional Director of the Pacific Region, comprising the States of Washington, Oregon, California, Nevada, Idaho, Montana and Hawaii, since 1940. He will have completed 42 years of Federal Government service upon retirement.

In 1949 Mr. Laythe organized the Columbia River Fisheries Development Program to preserve the important salmon runs from destruction by the building of dams. He coordinated Federal and State efforts in the construction of fish hatcheries and the installation of fish passage and fish protection facilities at major hydroelectric dams and irrigation systems. In 1958 he was commended by the Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Fish and Wildlife for his work in achieving a solution to the migratory bird feeding program in California. The solution included the development of refuge areas to attract maximum numbers of waterfowl, and educational, extension and control projects to effectively prevent crop depredations by waterfowl.

Mr. Quick was appointed to his present position on January 29, 1958 after serving as Assistant Regional Director in the Pacific Region for 10 years. He is intimately acquainted with the fish and wildlife problems in this area. Mr. Quick will assume his duties as Regional Director at Portland, Oregon in early January 1961.

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