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SECRETARY NAMED FOR AMERICAN FISHERY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thomas G. Duncan of the Bureau of Commercial Fisheries staff in Seattle, Washington, has been named Executive Secretary of the American Fishery Advisory Committee, the Department of the Interior reports. Mr. Duncan succeeds Russell A. Soulen who has transferred to the Department's Technical Review staff. Mr. Duncan has moved to Washington, D. C., and has assumed his new duties.

The American Fisheries Advisory Committee is a group appointed by the Secretary of the Interior to advise him on the formulation of policies, rules, and regulations pertaining to the program conducted by the Bureau of Commercial Fisheries under the Saltonstall-Kennedy Act. The committee is composed of representatives and leaders of all phases of the domestic commercial fishing industry, and totals 20 members. Interior's Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife, Ross L. Leffler, is chairman of the committee. Meetings are held annually, and sometimes biannually, or upon request of the chairman.

The Saltonstall-Kennedy program utilizes the funds made available from thirty percent of the gross receipts of customs duties collected on fishery products to promote the free flow of domestic products by conducting an educational service, carrying out technological, biological, and other research, and developing markets for domestic fishery products, and providing other appropriate services.

Mr. Duncan has been associated with the Bureau of Commercial Fisheries since 1953. In recent years he has been a fishery research biologist in Alaska and in the technical services unit of the Bureau's biological laboratory at Seattle. In that capacity he has been engaged in the preparation of special reports and special informational material for regional and national utilization. He was graduated in 1953 from Oklahoma State University with a bachelor of science degree in wildlife conservation.

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