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FISHERIES BUREAU ASSISTANT DIRECTOR SELECTED

Promotion of Harold E. Crowther, chief of the division of industrial research of the Bureau of Commercial Fisheries, Fish and Wildlife Service, to the position of Assistant Director of the Bureau was announced today by the Department of the Interior.

Mr. Crowther replaces Andrew W. Anderson who is transferring after more than 30 years of service to become Fishery Attache to the American Embassy in Copenhagen, Denmark. Mr. Crowther's appointment was effective June 14. Mr. Anderson began work with the Department of State a few days earlier.

Mr. Crowther came to the Bureau in 1949 as a fishery engineer engaged in gear research and exploratory fishing. From 1950 to 1953, he was Chief of the Section of Fishery Technology. He resigned to go with a private fishing firm. He returned in 1956 as a Fisheries Products Technologist. In 1957, following the reorganization of the Fish and Wildlife Service, he became Chief of the Division of Industrial Research and Services, the position he has held until receiving the Assistant Director assignment. For the past year he has been at the Bureau's Area Office at Terminal Island, California, on an executive training program.

As fishery attache in Europe, Mr. Anderson will work to improve reporting from this important fishery production and trade area, and also be concerned with developments in such organizations as the European Common Market, the European Free Trade Association and the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development.

Mr. Anderson became Assistant Director of the Bureau of Commercial Fisheries in April 1957 following the reorganization directed in the Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956. He had been Chief of the Branch of Commercial Fisheries of the Fish and Wildlife Service for the previous 14 years.

Mr. Anderson has been regularly employed with the Bureau since June 1930, although he had summer employment with the organization in 1919. His first regular position was Statistical and Marketing Agent in the Middle Atlantic States. The following February he became Assistant Fisheries Technologist and served successively in Washington, D. C.; Gloucester, Massachusetts; Seattle and Anacortes, Washington; Astoria, Oregon; and Larsen Bay, Kodiak Island, Alaska. He returned to the Washington Office in 1937.

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