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#### BROCK NAMED TO OCEANOGRAPHIC POST: MARR SUCCEEDS HIM AS AREA DIRECTOR

Vernon E. Brock, who has been area director of the Bureau of Commercial Fisheries for the Hawaii Area, has been named laboratory director of the Bureau's Biological Laboratory at Washington, D. C., and will serve as principal Bureau advisor for oceanographic research, the Department of the Interior announced today.

Succeeding him as Area Director for Hawaii is John C. Marr who has been laboratory director of the Bureau's Biological Laboratory at Honolulu.

In addition to his advisory role, Mr. Brock represents the Bureau in the development and coordination of the National Oceanographic Program. The Washington Laboratory carries out fishery oceanographic research programs in the Atlantic and, as its Director, he will be responsible for the development of a fishery and oceanographic research plan for a high seas survey of the equatorial Atlantic from South America to the African coast.

Mr. Brock, 49, a native of Fillmore, California, is a graduate of Stanford University. He also has a Master's Degree from Stanford. Before becoming Area Director, Mr. Brock was Director and Assistant Director of the Bureau's Pacific Oceanic Fishery Investigations at Honolulu. From 1944 to 1958, he was Director of the Division of Fish and Game of the Territory of Hawaii. Earlier he was employed as Chief Biologist by the Fish Commission of Oregon. He is widely recognized as an authority on tropical fisheries and has published many scientific papers in the field of oceanography and fisheries.

Mr. Marr, who will now administer the Bureau of Commercial Fisheries research and industry-services programs in the Hawaii area, is a native of Oakland, California. He graduated from Pasadena Junior College and received A.B. and M.A. degrees in fisheries biology from Stanford University. His first employment with the Fish and Wildlife Service was as a junior biological aid while at Stanford.

After receiving his Master's Degree, he worked for the California Division of Fish and Game and the Office of Coordinator of Fisheries. Since 1946, he has been in the employ of the Fish and Wildlife Service, engaged in biological research--first at the Stanford University Laboratory and then at LaJolla, California, before going to Hawaii. He is 42.

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