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NATIONAL FISH AND WILDLIFE LIBRARY REFERENCE SERVICE ESTABLISHED

Establishment of a national fish and wildlife library reference service was announced today by Dr. Stanley A. Cain, Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Fish and Wildlife and Parks.

The reference facility, developed in cooperation with the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners, will serve State fish and game departments through the Interior Department Library in Washington, D. C., and the Denver Public Library in Colorado.

Dr. Cain said the reference program is designed to help fish and wildlife research workers on State conservation agency projects partially financed under the Federal Aid in Fish and Wildlife Restoration Acts. Each State, plus Guam, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands, participates in the Federal Aid programs administered by the Interior Department's Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife.

Financing of the library reference service will come from the Federal Aid funds prior to their apportionment to the States.

John S. Gottschalk, Director of the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife, said reference materials will be so organized that a single request will automatically receive attention from both the Denver Public Library, where all unpublished reports are to be housed, and the Library of the Department of the Interior, where publications will be kept.

"Establishment of the national fish and wildlife library reference service will provide, for the first time, a convenient means for research biologists to obtain specialized reference materials," Director Gottschalk said. "Use of research findings of the past will improve coordination and avoid possible duplication of effort. I urge all State and Federal fish and wildlife workers to take full advantage of this new research facility."

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