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## SPENCER SMITH APPOINTED DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE; JOHNSON, LOVELESS, GARLICK NAMED TO POSITIONS

Secretary of the Interior Rogers C. B. Morton today announced several appointments in the Fish and Wildlife Service, including that of Spencer H. Smith, 48, as deputy director. Smith has served as acting director since December 4, 1970, and will continue in this position until a permanent director is named.

Dr. Raymond E. Johnson, 56, recently on special assignment with the Environmental Protection Agency as acting commissioner of its Office of Pesticides, was named to head the Service's new Office of Environmental Quality, which will assess the impact of Service programs and those of other agencies regarding fish and wildlife.

Dr. Charles M. Loveless, 44, was appointed to replace Dr. Johnson as assistant director for research, and Lewis R. Garlick, 57, was appointed to the newly created post of assistant director for planning.

Smith, who is Texas-born, joined the Service in 1949, a year after he received his B.S. degree from Oregon State College in fishery biology. In 1968 he was made a special assistant to the director, and in 1969 became a special assistant to Interior's Assistant Secretary for Fish, Wildlife and Parks. He became acting director soon after Dr. John S. Gottschalk's departure to the National Marine Fisheries Service.

Smith brings to his new duties a long record of achievement. On three occasions since 1963 he has received awards for outstanding service. In addition to his government work, he has been a longtime member of the Wildlife Society and the American Fisheries Society. He is married to the former Mildred Morgan, also from Texas, and they have one son, Lawrence Howard.

Dr. Johnson received his Ph.D. from the University of Michigan in 1942. He served in the Navy as a fighter director officer from then until 1945, when he became biology research supervisor with the Minnesota Department of Conservation. In 1951 he joined the Fish and Wildlife Service, and became assistant director in 1965. Dr. Johnson is a member of many professional organizations and governmental committees, including the U.S.-Japan and U.S.-Germany panels on water pollution. In 1968 he received the Interior Department's Distinguished Service Award "in recognition of eminent service in the conservation of natural resources." Dr. Johnson and his wife Bette have one son, Willard, 19, now at Oglethorpe College in Atlanta.

Dr. Loveless comes to his new position with years of field experience, having served with the game and fish commissions of Florida and Mississippi. He received his Ph.D. in vertebrate ecology from Colorado State University in 1963. Since then he has been with the Service, most recently as assistant director of its Denver Wildlife Research Center.

Dr. Loveless also has been active in private wildlife organizations. In 1967 he was president of the Wildlife Society. He is married to the former Adrienne L. Underwood, also a native of Florida, and they have two sons, Jeffrey Wayne and Charles Daniel.

Garlick, a native of the State of Washington, received his B.S. degree in fisheries from the University of Washington in 1940, and from then until 1948, except for two years in the Navy, he was with the Washington Department of Game. In 1948 he joined the Fish and Wildlife Service. In 1968 he served briefly as assistant director for cooperative services, then moved to Minneapolis to become deputy regional director and later acting regional director. He now returns to Washington, D.C., to take charge of evaluating the Service's goals and programs. He is married to the former Maxine Harrison, a native of Seattle, and they have two children, Gary, 27, and Mrs. Gail Louise Poole, 23.

Secretary Morton also announced that Dr. Francis Eugene Hester, 39, has been appointed chief of the Service's Division of Fishery Research. A Ph.D. from Auburn University in Alabama, Dr. Hester comes to his new position from the Service's North Carolina Cooperative Fishery Unit in Raleigh. He has been with the Service since 1963.

Dr. Hester is also a member of many professional and civic organizations, among them the American Fisheries Society and the Wildlife Society. He is married to the former Katherine Ann Sherron, like her husband a native of North Carolina. They have two sons, Thomas Robert and Jason Ferguson.

The Secretary also announced four regional appointments:

William M. White, 53--since 1960 chief of the Division of River Basin Studies, which conducts important environmental research and maintains liaison with State wildlife agencies--is moving to Albuquerque, N. Mex., to become deputy regional director for the eight-State southwestern region.

Travis S. Roberts, 55, has been promoted from deputy regional director in Portland, Oreg., to regional director in Minneapolis. A native of Texas with a B.S. degree in zoology from the North Texas State University, Roberts has been with the Service since 1946, including a year as assistant director for cooperative services.

Willard M. Spaulding, 39, has been appointed deputy regional director for the New England region, centered in Boston. Mr. Spaulding, who holds an M.S. from the University of Michigan, has been staff assistant in the Office of the Secretary, Office of Policy Planning and Research.

James R. Fielding, 46, will become deputy regional director of the Southeast region, centered in Atlanta. He holds an M.S. from Auburn University in Alabama, and has been a staff assistant in the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks.