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LANGENBACH TO HEAD FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE FEDERAL AID PROGRAMS

Secretary of the Interior Rogers C. B. Morton announced today that John R. Langenbach, 58, a 22-year veteran of the Fish and Wildlife Service, has been appointed to head the Service's federal aid programs.

For the past four years, Langenbach has been an assistant regional director in the Service's Minneapolis office.

In his new position, Langenbach will be in charge of grant-in-aid programs that involve the distribution to State fish and game agencies of about \$50 million annually for wildlife conservation activities

Langenbach was born in West Bend, Wisconsin, and grew up there. He received a bachelor's degree in forestry in 1935 and a master's degree in wildlife management in 1936 from the University of Michigan.

He became acquainted with federal aid programs during his years with Pennsylvania's Game Commission from 1937 to 1949. He joined the Service's Division of Federal Aid as an assistant regional supervisor in Minneapolis in 1949. With this division, Langenbach had assignments in Washington from 1953 to 1960, in Minneapolis from 1960 to 1964, and in Portland, Oregon, from 1964 to 1967. He was assistant director of the Service's Patuxent Wildlife Research Center in Laurel, Maryland, from 1967 to 1968.

The new federal aid chief married the former Gladys M. Sheffer of Howell, Michigan, in 1937. They have one married daughter, Mrs. Mary L. Johnson of Hopkins, Minnesota.