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## THOMAS G. SCOTT TO HEAD DENVER WILDLIFE RESEARCH CENTER

The Department of the Interior's Fish and Wildlife Service announced today that Dr. Thomas G. Scott, 59, will become director of its Denver Wildlife Research Center on June 26.

James M. Coutts, the Center's acting director since August 1971, will resume his duties as assistant director.

Scott has headed Oregon State University's Department of Fisheries and Wildlife since 1963 and has been associate director of the school's Marine Science Center since 1964. He was away for one year in Washington, D.C., as staff ecologist for the National Water Commission, a presidentially appointed body charged with finding ways of meeting future U.S. water requirements.

The new director was in charge of wildlife research for the Illinois Natural History Survey for 13 years, and was the leader of the Fish and Wildlife Service's Iowa Cooperative Wildlife Research Unit for 6 years. He also spent three years as an extension specialist in wildlife conservation for Iowa State University.

Scott has been president of the Wildlife Society, editor of the Journal of Wildlife Management, a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and recipient of American Motors' Professional Conservation Award. He presently is on the Board of Directors of the Rachel Carson Trust for the Living Environment and is a member of the Oregon Governor's Committee on Oceanography. He also holds memberships in many other professional organizations.

Scott, born in Youngstown, Ohio, attended Iowa State University at Ames, Iowa, where he studied zoology, receiving a B.S. in 1935, an M.S. in 1937 and a Ph.D. in 1942.

Scott married the former Marilyn A. Cozad of Monticello, Illinois. They have one daughter, age 20, and two sons, ages 14 and 9.