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F. VICTOR SCHMIDT APPOINTED
FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE DEPUTY DIRECTOR

Secretary of the Interior Rogers C. B. Morton today announced the appointment of F. Victor Schmidt, 52, as deputy director of his department's Fish and Wildlife Service. He has been serving in an acting capacity since January.

Schmidt joined the Service in 1955 as assistant supervisor of the Boston regional office's federal aid program. In 1964 he became supervisor of federal aid for the Atlanta regional office.

Schmidt was promoted to assistant regional director for operations in Albuquerque in 1967. From February 1971 until January 1972, the new deputy director served in Washington as the Service's assistant director for operations.

Prior to joining the Federal Service, Schmidt worked for eight years as research project leader with New Jersey's Game and Fish Department.

He was born in Maywood, N.J., attended high school in Paterson, N.J., and received a B.S. degree in wildlife management from the University of Maine in 1942.

Schmidt is married to the former Lila Hotalen of Bevans, N.J.; they reside in Chevy Chase, Md.

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