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LARSEN TO HEAD NATIONAL FISH HATCHERIES

The Interior Department's Fish and Wildlife Service today announced the appointment of Howard N. Larsen, 44, to head its national fish hatchery system, comprising 97 hatcheries in 43 States.

Federal hatcheries produce and distribute fish for stocking in Federal and State waters, and provide information and assistance to State and commercial organizations concerning the raising of fish.

Larsen, a native of Waukegan, Ill., began his career with the Service in 1958 as a hatchery biologist at Lake Mills, Wisc., and has been assistant chief of the Division of Fish Hatcheries since 1968. In the top position he succeeds Harvey Willoughby, now deputy regional director at Denver.

Larsen also served as a hatchery biologist at Manchester, Iowa, New London, Minn., and LaCrosse, Wisc., before coming to Washington in 1966 as chief of the production branch for the system.

After receiving a B.S. degree in zoology from Northwestern University in 1956, Larsen worked as a chemist in private industry for two years before joining the Service.

He now resides in Manassas, Va., with his wife, the former Shirley M. Faulkner of Gurnee, Ill., and their three sons: Gary 15, Ken 12, and Eric 5.

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