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THREE KEY APPOINTMENTS ANNOUNCED BY U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

Appointments to three top-management positions in Interior's U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service were announced today.

The appointees are Keith M. Schreiner, 48, Associate Director for Federal Assistance; Howard Larsen, 46, Deputy Associate Director for Fish; and Harvey K. Nelson, 49, Deputy Associate Director for Wildlife. Larsen and Nelson will serve as deputies to M. A. "Toar" Marston, Associate Director for Fish and Wildlife Management.

Keith Schreiner, as Associate Director for Federal Assistance, assumes responsibilities for Federal aid to state fish and wildlife programs, for international agreements in the fish and wildlife field, and for the endangered species programs of the Service.

Schreiner was chief of the Office of Endangered Species from May 1972 until his appointment. He joined the Service in 1956 as a member of the Division of River Basin Studies in Tulsa. Since 1957 he has been a wildlife research biologist for the Service's Division of Federal Aid, first in Albuquerque and since 1967 in Washington. Before entering Federal service he was in charge of habitat improvement programs for North Dakota's Game and Fish Department from 1951 to 1956.

Schreiner attended Parsons College at Fairfield, Iowa, where he received a B.S. in biology in 1949, and Iowa State College at Ames where he was awarded an M.S. in game and fish management in 1950.

Howard Larsen, named Deputy Associate Director for Fish, is a fisheries biologist with extensive research and management experience in fisheries programs. He joined the Service in 1958 as a management biologist with the Lake Mills (Wisconsin) National Fish Hatchery, and during 1959-1960 served in the same capacity at hatcheries in Minnesota and Iowa. He attended training school at the Eastern Fish Disease Laboratory in West Virginia and studied warm water fish culture in Alabama.

From 1961 to 1966 he served as a hatchery biologist at Manchester, Iowa; New London, Minnesota; and at LaCrosse, Wisconsin, where he specialized in the environmental problems of fish. He joined the Service's Division of Fish Hatcheries in Washington, D.C., in 1966. He was named chief of the division in August 1972 and served in that position until his present appointment.

Larsen received a B.S. in zoology from Northwestern University in 1956 and has done graduate work in fisheries at Auburn University.

Harvey Nelson, named Deputy Associate Director for Wildlife, has had broad training and experience in field research and in the administration of wildlife management and research programs at both state and national levels, with primary emphasis on migratory birds. As a research administrator he developed new research programs related to migratory bird problems and coordinated these and other wildlife research and management activities in the continental United States, Alaska, and Canada.

He joined the Service in June 1950 and worked on field projects in South Dakota, North Dakota, Minnesota, and Michigan until 1957 when he was transferred to the Regional Office in Minneapolis. There he served as Assistant Regional Supervisor in the Division of Wildlife Refuges until June 1963 when he was appointed Director of the Northern Prairie Research Center then being established at Jamestown, North Dakota, a position he held until his present appointment.

Nelson received a B.S. degree from the University of Minnesota in 1950, having majored in zoology and fish and wildlife management. He received an M.S. degree in resources development from Michigan State University in 1957, and has since accomplished work in a doctoral program at George Washington University in Washington, D.C.

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