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DEPUTY DIRECTOR TO NEW POST

F. Victor Schmidt, 54, Deputy Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, assumed the new position of Special Assistant to the Director, effective November 10, 1974.

Schmidt will serve as the Director's personal representative for special field program evaluations, for liaison with other agencies and private conservation groups, and for special assignments involving States and related to problems of intergovernmental relationships in areas such as fish production and animal damage control.

He will review Service programs to assess the degree of understanding of policy and the effectiveness of implementation, with a particular eye to insuring that the Fish and Wildlife Service's management-by-objectives principles are understood and being carried out.

Schmidt joined the Fish and Wildlife 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. In 1967 he was promoted to Assistant Regional Director for Operations in the Albuquerque regional office. In 1971 he moved to Washington to become the Assistant Director for Operations. In January 1972 he was appointed Acting Deputy Director of the Fish and Wildlife Service and was confirmed as Deputy Director in August 1972, a post he held until his recent assignment.

No successor as Deputy Director of the Fish and Wildlife Service has yet been named.