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## ANDRUS PRAISES NOMINATION OF HERBST AS ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF INTERIOR FOR FISH AND WILDLIFE AND PARKS

Secretary of the Interior Cecil D. Andrus today expressed pleasure at President Carter's nomination of Robert L. Herbst, commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources since 1971, to be the Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks in the Department of the Interior.

In this post Herbst will have supervision over the National Park Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and Bureau of Outdoor Recreation.

"Mr. Herbst comes highly recommended by Vice President Mondale, by my good friend Senator Wendell Anderson, and by a broad spectrum of knowledgeable conservationists," the Secretary said. "We feel he will be a highly effective member of our team."

Herbst, 41 (born October 5, 1935, in Minneapolis) and his wife, Evelyn, make their home in Bloomington. They have three children.

Prior to appointment as commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, Herbst was national executive director of the Izaak Walton League of America, 1969-1971. He worked for the Minnesota Conservation Department, 1957-1963, and was deputy commissioner and acting commissioner of that Department, 1966-1969. During 1963-1966 he was executive secretary of Keep Minnesota Green, Inc.

A 1957 graduate of the University of Minnesota with a major in Forest Management and minor in Wildlife Management, Herbst also served one school year as an instructor at the University. He was employed by the U.S. Forest Service, 1954-1955.

He is the recipient of many awards, including the "Best Conservation Education Program in the Nation" from the American Association for Conservation Information, 1974. He was a delegate to the First International Conference on Human Environment in Northern Regional World at Sapparo, Japan, in 1974.

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