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THE ENVIRONMENT AND FISHERY RESOURCES UPGRADED IN FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE REORGANIZATION

Environmental considerations and fishery resources will receive greater emphasis and stronger leadership in a reorganization of the Interior Department's U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the agency said today.

The two programs have been elevated to the associate director level, bringing the number of such policymaking positions to five. Other associate directors are those for Federal Assistance, Wildlife Resources, and Research.

The reorganization is designed to streamline management of the Service's diverse responsibilities and to improve effectiveness in meeting its increasingly complex challenges, said Director Lynn A. Greenwalt.

Other new actions included designation of a Deputy Associate Director - National Wildlife Refuge System to strengthen national coordination and direction of the Refuge System, the world's largest network of lands managed solely for the benefit of wildlife.

Michael J. Spear, formerly Assistant Director - Planning and Budget, has been named the first Associate Director - Environment. He will direct the Service's efforts to ensure that the needs of fish and wildlife and their habitats are adequately considered in planning of projects for water resources, energy, transportation, and other forms of development. The Division of Ecological Services and the Offices of Biological Services and

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Environmental Coordination are realigned under Spear, along with a new Program Development Staff. Spear, a native of San Francisco, is a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy and holds a master's degree in business administration from Stanford University. He has been with the Fish and Wildlife Service since 1973.

Galen L. Buterbaugh is the new Associate Director - Fishery Resources. Formerly a deputy associate director, he oversaw aspects of this program when it was combined with wildlife resources. Buterbaugh will now be responsible for administering 78 Federal fish hatcheries that produce more than 200 million fish annually, 35 fishery assistance field stations, 5 development centers, 2 training schools devoted to improving technology and practices in fish culture, and the Service's engineering, construction, and energy conservation programs. More than 1,000 people now work under the Associate Director - Fishery Resources, in the Divisions of National Fish Hatcheries and Engineering, the Office of Fisheries Assistance, and the Program Development Staff. Buterbaugh, who has held progressively responsible fishery positions with the Fish and Wildlife Service since 1960, is a native of Walnut Grove, Minn. He received a B.S. degree in fishery and wildlife management from the University of Minnesota.

James W. Pulliam, Jr., becomes the first Deputy Associate Director - National Wildlife Refuge System. Pulliam has spent most of his 20-year professional career associated with the Refuge System. The 390-unit Refuge System encompasses over 34 million acres in 49 States. He will also be responsible for directing two activities that are closely aligned with refuges--the Division of Realty, which is responsible for Service land acquisition activities, and Youth Activities, which annually employs 7,000 youth in its Job Corps, Youth Conservation Corps, and Young Adult Conservation Corps. Pulliam is from Henderson, North Carolina, and received a B.S. degree in wildlife management from North Carolina State University.

The Deputy Associate Director - National Wildlife Refuge System is under Associate Director Harvey K. Nelson, Wildlife Resources, who was also responsible for fishery matters before the reorganization. Nelson will be assisted by a second deputy for Wildlife Management. This position has not been filled but will encompass supervision of the Division of Law Enforcement, Division of Animal Damage Control, Office of Migratory Bird Management, Office of Wildlife Services, and a new Office of Aircraft Management. The entire Wildlife Resources activity will continue to be supported by a Program Development Staff.

Research has also been reorganized under Dr. F. Eugene Hester, who continues as Associate Director of the Service's nationwide network of research centers and laboratories and cooperative units at universities in 27 States. Two new research divisions--Fishery Ecology and Wildlife Ecology--and the Offices of Cooperative Units and Planning and Coordination were upgraded in the recent moves. Dr. Hester also will be assisted by a Deputy Associate Director when the position is filled.

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