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NEW DIRECTOR FOR AGENCY'S WEST COAST REGION

Richard J. Myshak has become the new director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's regional office in Portland, Oregon, the Interior Department agency announced today.

Myshak, 53, formerly the Fish and Wildlife Service's associate director--wildlife resources in Washington, D.C., replaces R. Kahler Martinson as regional director of the six-State area that includes Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Nevada, California, and Hawaii.

Myshak directed the Service's diverse wildlife resources activities, which range from operation of the 404-unit National Wildlife Refuge System to its migratory bird activities and law enforcement operations. His new post gives him management responsibility for all of the agency's activities in the far West.

Myshak served as deputy assistant Interior secretary for fish and wildlife and parks from 1977 until 1979, when he joined the Fish and Wildlife Service. A former assistant commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, Myshak began his career in that State's public school system, becoming assistant to the science director of the Minnesota mathematics and science teaching project in the University of Minnesota's Institute of Technology in 1964. He also served as field secretary and editor for the Minnesota Academy of Science. He has recently completed his second term as national president of the Conservation Education Association.

Myshak received a B.S. in forest management from the University of Minnesota in 1953 and a B.S. and M.S. in education and biology from Mankato State University in 1954 and 1962, respectively.

Martinson had served as regional director in Portland since 1973.

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