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INTERIOR SECRETARY WATT PRAISES NOMINATION OF ROBERT A. JANTZEN
TO BE DIRECTOR OF U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

Robert A. Jantzen, former Director of the Arizona Game and Fish Department, has been nominated by President Reagan to be Director of the Interior Department's U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Jantzen has spent much of his career in wildlife management leadership positions, having been past president of the International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies and chairman of the National Waterfowl Council.

"The President has made an excellent choice in selecting Bob Jantzen," Secretary of the Interior James Watt said. "He is considered by many of his peers as a 'wildlife manager's manager.' His executive skills and broad experience in dealing with many of the most pressing wildlife and environmental issues of the day come at a time when they are sorely needed.

"Bob Jantzen has a keen appreciation of the need to balance legitimate uses of the nation's wildlife resources with the need to conserve this precious heritage for future generations. He is a fine biologist who has the courage of his convictions and is held in very high esteem by wildlife professionals," Watt added.

As Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Jantzen will administer the agency in the Interior Department which oversees the Federal endangered species and migratory bird conservation programs, predator control, the 89-million-acre 410 unit national wildlife refuge system, the national fish hatchery system, federal fish and wildlife research, and other programs aimed at minimizing environmental degradation to fish and wildlife habitat throughout the nation.

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Jantzen, 53, is from Phoenix, Arizona. He has a B.S. degree in wildlife management and also completed studies at the graduate level. From 1953 to 1981, Jantzen worked for the Arizona Game and Fish Department.

Jantzen has also served as chairman of the Pacific Waterfowl Flyway Council, Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies and the Colorado River Wildlife Management Council.

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