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FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENTS OF CAREER EMPLOYEES TO RESEARCH LABORATORIES AND DIVISIONS

The appointments of five career employees to top positions in U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service research laboratories and divisions have been announced by Robert Jantzen, director of the Interior Department agency.

Dr. James McCann has been named director of the National Fisheries Center in Leetown, West Virginia. The Center directs field laboratories in several States, conducts research on fish health, nutrition, and husbandry and trains U.S. and foreign fisheries scientists. McCann, 48, has been director of the National Fishery Research Laboratory in Gainesville, Florida, since 1977, and previously served as chief of the Division of Fishery Research and as leader of the Massachusetts Cooperative Fishery Research Unit.

Dr. Paul A. Vohs has been appointed director of the Denver Wildlife Research Center in Colorado. This Center conducts laboratory and field studies on wildlife ecology and on reducing damage caused by wildlife to agriculture, livestock, and other industries, and operates stations throughout the United States and several foreign countries. Vohs, 52, has been supervisor of Cooperative Wildlife Research Units in the Division of Cooperative Units since 1979, and formerly was leader of the Oklahoma Cooperative Wildlife Research Unit and held positions at Iowa, Oregon, and South Dakota universities.

Dr. Bernard L. Griswold has been selected to fill the position of director of the Great Lakes Fishery Laboratory in Ann Arbor, Michigan. This laboratory carries out research on Great Lakes fish populations; lake trout restoration; control of sea lampreys; and effects of water use, navigation practices, and environmental contaminants; and provides technical assistance in the development of interagency fishery management plans. Griswold, 40, has been supervisor of the Cooperative Fishery Research Units in the Division of Cooperative Units in Washington, D.C., since 1979. Previously he was leader of the Ohio Cooperative Fishery Research Unit and a research biologist with National Marine Fisheries Service in Woods Hole, Massachusetts.

Dr. Edward T. LaRoe has been appointed chief of the Division of Biological Services in Washington, D.C. The Division develops and disseminates information on fish and wildlife resources and habitat that is useful to decisionmakers involved in environmental planning. LaRoe, 39, served most recently as deputy chief, Office of Biological Services. Before coming to the Department of the Interior, he was chief of Florida's Bureau of Coastal Zone Management and chief scientist for the Office of Coastal Zone Management of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

Nelson B. Kverno has been appointed chief of the Division of Planning and Information Management, also in Washington, D.C. This division provides administrative support and budget guidance to research divisions and supervises extension education activities; publications distribution; the Service editorial office; and an information transfer team, ensuring that research information is made available to and used by the Service, States, and private industry. Kverno, 56, was formerly chief of the Office of Planning and Coordination and the Division of Population Regulation, and earlier was in charge of the Denver-based, AID-sponsored program to control animal damage to agriculture in developing nations.