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THREE TOP APPOINTMENTS ANNOUNCED IN FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE'S RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

Appointments at one of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's major wildlife research laboratories and in two of the agency's key research and development offices in Washington, D.C., have been announced by the Interior Department.

Dr. David L. Trauger has become the new director of the Patuxent Wildlife Research Center in Laurel, Maryland. The 4,700-acre facility midway between Washington and Baltimore is the Nation's oldest and best known center for research on the effects of environmental contaminants on wildlife and studies of endangered species and migratory birds.

Dr. Rollin D. Sparrowe is the new chief of the agency's Division of Wildlife Research. He will coordinate the Service's diverse studies in wildlife ecology that are conducted at laboratories throughout the United States.

Dr. John G. Rogers, Jr., has become the acting chief of the Fish and Wildlife Service's Division of Cooperative Units, which is a cooperative program among the Federal and State governments, private conservation organizations, and the major Land Grant universities to conduct fish and wildlife research studies and to provide training to future fish and wildlife biologists.

Trauger, 41, has most recently served as the Service's chief of wildlife research in Washington, D.C. As new director of Patuxent, he replaces Dr. Lucille Stickel, who retired in 1981 as director.

A native of LuVerne, Iowa, Trauger began his career with the Service in 1972 as a wildlife biologist at the Northern Prairie Wildlife Research Center in Jamestown, North Dakota, following seasonal employment at that laboratory and at two national wildlife refuges. In 1975, he became assistant director at Northern Prairie, and in 1979 he undertook his most recent administrative position in the agency's Washington headquarters.

Trauger received a B.S. in fish and wildlife management in 1964, an M.S. in wildlife biology in 1967, and a Ph.D. in animal ecology in 1971, all from Iowa State University. He taught wildlife conservation and environmental biology for 5 years at Iowa State.

Trauger will supervise some of the Nation's most sophisticated research projects involving some of the world's rarest wildlife species at Patuxent, such as the endangered whooping crane, the Puerto Rican parrot, and the California condor. Other programs at Patuxent include the evaluation of pesticides and environmental contaminants on wildlife populations and the ecosystems of which they are a part, and much of the Fish and Wildlife Service's migratory bird research, which yields the scientific data necessary for the management of migratory waterfowl and other game species.

Sparrowe, 42, was formerly chief of the agency's Division of Cooperative Units and supervised 49 wildlife and fishery research units at 31 Land Grant universities. An Oakland, California, native, Sparrowe joined the Fish and Wildlife Service in 1969 as assistant leader of the Missouri Cooperative Wildlife Research Unit at the University of Missouri. In 1976, he was named the agency's supervisor for all of its 20 wildlife units, and in 1979 he assumed direction of the entire unit program.

As chief of wildlife research, Sparrowe will supervise scientific programs that range from animal damage control investigations at the Denver Wildlife Research Center to migratory bird studies at the Northern Prairie Wildlife Research Center. Other laboratories included in this program are the Patuxent Wildlife Research Center in Maryland and the National Wildlife Health Laboratory in Madison, Wisconsin.

Sparrowe earned a B.S. in game management in 1964 from Humboldt State College, an M.S. in wildlife management from South Dakota State University in 1966, and a Ph.D. in wildlife ecology in 1969 from Michigan State University.

Rogers, 41, replaces Sparrowe as acting chief of the Division of Cooperative Units. He has most recently served as acting director of Patuxent, where he has also held the post of assistant director.

A New York City native, Rogers joined the Fish and Wildlife Service in 1969 as a biologist at Patuxent's Philadelphia field station. He also held positions at the Denver Wildlife Research Center and the division of wildlife ecology research in the agency's Washington, D.C., headquarters, and served as acting director of the Migratory Bird and Habitat Research Laboratory.

Rogers received a B.S. in wildlife management in 1963 from Cornell University, an M.S. from New Mexico State University in 1966, also in wildlife management, and a Ph.D. in wildlife ecology in 1970 from North Carolina State University.

In addition to the research and training the cooperative research program provides, the individual units are a source of technical assistance on fish and wildlife problems for the States, universities, and private organizations that support them.