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Effective February 15, John Pearce, present leader of the cooperative wildlife management research unit at the University of Maine, at Orono, will become a regional inspector in charge of Federal Aid activities in Region 5 for the Fish and Wildlife Service, United States Department of the Interior, according to an announcement made today by Service officials. Mr. Pearce's headquarters will be in Boston.

Howard Mendall, now assistant leader of the Maine research unit, will succeed Mr. Pearce. Charles P. Brown, who has been appointed by the University of Maine to head the wildlife training courses, becomes assistant leader under Mr. Mendall.

Mr. Pearce, who has been leader of the Maine unit since 1937, was graduated from the New York State College of Forestry in 1934, receiving his M.F. degree a year later. He joined the U. S. Forest Service in 1935 and transferred to the Fish and Wildlife Service on March 1, 1937. As regional inspector he will deal with research and land development programs for the restoration of all forms of wildlife being conducted by the various States in the region which includes New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, District of Columbia, Virginia, West Virginia, and Ohio.

The Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Program is carried on under an Act of Congress that provides for Federal payment of 75 percent of the costs of wildlife restoration projects approved by the Fish and Wildlife Service and carried on by participating States in accordance with Federal standards.

New Research Head a Native of Maine

The new leader of the research unit, Howard Kendall, is a native of Maine and was graduated from the State university in 1931, receiving his master's degree in 1934, in zoology. He was employed by the Resettlement Administration in wildlife activities until he became assistant leader of the unit in 1937. He has made extensive surveys of Maine bird life, particularly the coastal sea birds, waterfowl, and woodcock.

His assistant, Mr. Brown, was graduated from New York State College of Forestry in 1933. He served as assistant field naturalist at the Roosevelt Wild Life Station and more than two years as a wildlife technician on the Clark National Forest in Missouri. He became graduate assistant in wildlife conservation at Orono in September 1941.

The cooperative wildlife management research program was drawn up to obtain information on the best methods to be used in wildlife restoration and management, to demonstrate management practices on large areas, and to provide special training in wildlife work for advanced students.

These research units are conducted cooperatively by land-grant colleges, the State game and conservation commissions, the American Wildlife Institute, and the Fish and Wildlife Service. In addition to Maine, Oregon, Utah, Texas, Iowa, Missouri, Alabama, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Virginia are participating in the program.

Woodcock, grouse, beaver, deer, moose, and waterfowl management problems are the chief lines of research carried on by the unit at the University of Maine.