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DR. HOSLEY TO HEAD WILDLIFE RESEARCH UNIT IN ALASKA

The appointment of Dr. Neil W. Hosley as leader of the Alaska Cooperative

Wildlife Research Unit of the Fish and Wildlife Service at the University of Alaska,

Fairbanks, was announced today in Washington by Secretary of the Interior Oscar

L. Chapman.

Dr. Hosley is expected to arrive in Fairbanks about the middle of March, and
will be welcomed there by University of Alaska President Terris Moore. The agree-
ment with the University of Alaska establishing the new Unit which Dr. Hosley will
head was signed in Washington last month. The Unit is a cooperative research
project involving the University of Alaska, the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service,
the Alaska Game Commission, and the Wildlife Management Institute.

The Alaska unit will train college students for jobs with Federal, state, and
territorial agencies and private interests engaged in wildlife conservation and
management. It will also conduct investigations and research upon which wildlife
management practices will be based.

The Fish and Wildlife Service has assigned Dr. Hosley to the Alaska Unit as
the full-time biologist in charge. He will supervise the work of graduate students
and conduct some research personally. Undergraduate students specializing in con-
servation or wildlife management will receive some training in the Unit by doing
part-time work, and faculty members of the University will also participate in the
research activities.

Dr. Neil Hosley is generally recognized as one of the nation's outstanding
research authorities on forest wildlife. He has been chief of the Section of Wild-
life Investigations on Public Lands, U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, since 1946.
Prior to his position in the FWS central offices, Hosley was associate professor
and head of the Department of Forestry and Wildlife Management, University of Con-
necticut.

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