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HOWARD H. ECKLES APPOINTED ASSISTANT TO SCIENCE ADVISER

Howard H. Eckles, of McLean, Virginia, has been appointed assistant to the Department's science adviser, Secretary of the Interior Stewart L. Udall announced today.

Mr. Eckles, a career employe, has been serving as chief of the branch of marine fisheries in the Fish and Wildlife Service's Bureau of Commercial Fisheries since 1958. He joined the Department in 1948 as a research biologist and has served since then in progressively higher positions.

Secretary Udall said, "We have established this position under the Department's Science Adviser, Dr. Roger Revelle, for the purpose of broadening the career experience of the younger, talented scientists of the Department."

Mr. Eckles is the first to be appointed and will return to the Bureau of Commercial Fisheries upon completion of his assignment.

Born in Porterville, California, on July 3, 1920, Mr. Eckles attended public schools in Santa Barbara, California. He was graduated from the University of California, at Santa Barbara, with a S. B. degree in 1942. Following World War II, he did graduate study at Stanford University.

During World War II, he served in the Navy from 1942 to 1946. In 1956, 1959 and 1961 he was advisor to the U. S. Delegation to annual meetings of the International Commission for Northwest Atlantic Fisheries. He was awarded an Outstanding Performance Rating by the Department in 1961.

He is a member of the American Institute of Fishery Research Biologists and the American Fisheries Society.

Mr. Eckles married the former Willa Fairfield, of San Fernando, California, in 1943. They have three children--two daughters and a son--and reside at 4917 Tennyson Drive, McLean, Virginia.

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