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RUSSELL T. NORRIS APPOINTED TO FISHERIES POST

The Department of the Interior today announced the appointment of Russell T. Norris, 48, as Assistant to the Director, Bureau of Commercial Fisheries, to administer the Commercial Fisheries Research and Development Act of 1964.

Bureau Director Donald L. McKernan said the new law provides for Federal cooperation with the States in commercial fisheries research and development projects. The Act authorizes the appropriation of $5,000,000 annually to be apportioned among the States, Guam, American Samoa, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands. Thus far, under one section of the Act, $400,000 has been appropriated to restore fisheries affected by resource disasters. The law also authorizes an appropriation of $100,000 annually to develop new commercial fisheries.

Director McKernan said the new Act provides much-needed assistance to the States in carrying out research and development programs at the local level and will assure coordination between State and Federal efforts.

Before transferring to Washington, Mr. Norris served six years as assistant regional director of the Bureau's North Atlantic Region with headquarters in Gloucester, Mass. He joined the Fish and Wildlife Service in 1946 and for 14 years participated in river basin studies in the Northeastern United States. In the final five years, before going to Gloucester, he supervised such studies.

Mr. Norris has represented the Fish and Wildlife Service on several interagency groups dealing with water resource development and is a member of several scientific societies.

After graduation from the University of Maine, Mr. Norris attended Pennsylvania State University and received a master's degree in biology in 1941. Mr. Norris, a native of Newburyport, Mass., lives in Rockville, Md., with his wife and their two sons.

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