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INTERIOR DEPARTMENT FILLS TWO KEY WILDLIFE VACANCIES

The appointment of Richard E. Griffith of Portland, Oreg., as regional director of the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife for the Northeastern United States at Boston, Mass., and Samuel Benjamin of Silver Spring, Md., Assistant Director--Administration of the Bureau in Washington, D. C., was announced today by the Department of the Interior.

Mr. Griffith fills a vacancy created when John S. Gottschalk was named to succeed Daniel H. Janzen, retired, as Director of the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife. Mr. Griffith was born in Carthage, N. Y., and received a bachelor of science degree from the New York State College of Forestry in Syracuse in 1936. He has been employed by the Bureau and its predecessor agency since 1937.

Mr. Griffith now is chief of the Division of Wildlife for the Bureau's Northwestern Region with headquarters in Portland. He is married to the former Mayhugh Gibbs. They have two married children, a son and a daughter, and one grandson. Mr. Griffith's appointment as director of the eleven-State Northeastern Region with headquarters in Boston becomes effective January 15, 1965.

The appointment of Mr. Benjamin fills the vacancy created by the retirement of Wesley E. Corbin. Mr. Benjamin has 24 years' Government service and come to the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife from the Bureau of Reclamation, where he is budget officer. His prior experience includes work as a systems analyst, methods examiner, statistician, and economic analyst and service with the Bureau of the Census, the War Production Board, and the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Mr. Benjamin was born in New York City and is a graduate of City College of New York with majors in statistics, mathematics, economics, and accounting. He is married to the former Eleanor J. Klein. They have three sons. Mr. Benjamin's appointment becomes effective December 7.

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