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SPORT FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE DIRECTOR HONORED FOR CONSERVATION WORK

John S. Gottschalk, Director of the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife, Fish and Wildlife Service, has been presented two awards for outstanding service in the field of conservation.

The citations are the John Pearce Award, the highest honor bestowed by the Northeast Section of The Wildlife Society, and a Distinguished Public Service plaque by the New England Outdoor Writers Association.

Mr. Gottschalk was appointed Director of the Bureau last October. For five years previously he was regional director for the Department of the Interior agency with headquarters in Boston, Mass.

The John Pearce Award is given in memory of a former Northeast regional director of the Bureau and has been presented only five times since the award was established in 1951.

The Pearce citation, given January 19 at Harrisburg, Pa., listed Gottschalk's outstanding contributions to wildlife management, his skill as an administrator, and his ability to deal with conflicting interests and explain and defend sound wildlife policies to all elements of the public.

Gottschalk's appointment as Bureau Director was hailed by The Wildlife Society as one "that may well signal a renewal period of dynamic progress in fish and wildlife conservation."

The New England Outdoor Writers Association presented its Distinguished Public Service Award January 22 in Boston for Gottschalk's efforts as a regional director in expanding more hunting opportunities through waterfowl species management and by making more hunting available on portions of National Wildlife Refuges. The citation also recognized Gottschalk's effective development of a wetlands preservation program in the New England coastal area.

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