

# BCF Seal Program Replaces H. Baltzo

Donald R. Johnson, Regional Director, Bureau of Commercial Fisheries, Seattle, announced this week that William E. Peck has been selected to head the Bureau's fur seal program.

Under an international agreement between Japan, Canada, and the United States, the Bureau of Commercial Fisheries oversees the harvesting of 50,000 to 75,000 fur seals annually on the Pribilof Islands in the Bering Sea.

Mr. Peck, who will be based at the Regional Office, Bureau of Commercial Fisheries, 6116 Arcade Bldg., Seattle, replaces Mr. Howard Baltzo who recently retired after directing the fur seal program for the past eight years.

William Peck was born in Yakima, Washington, in 1921, and graduated from the University of Washington in zoology in 1946. He is married to Bonnie Thomsen and has three daughters aged 16, 15, and 13.

Mr. Peck began his career with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Alaska in 1942 and worked until 1948 as a biologist studying the red salmon of Bristol Bay.

In 1948 he transferred to Portland, Oregon, serving as a biologist in river basin studies work until 1951 when he be-

came Assistant Regional Supervisor of the Federal Aid Program of the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife.

From 1960 to 1967 he served as Assistant Program Director of the Bureau of Commercial Fisheries' Program Office in Portland which is concerned with salmon management problems of the Columbia River. In 1967 Mr. Peck was transferred to Washington, D. C. to a position as Staff Assistant to the Director of the Bureau of Commercial Fisheries.

He will report to Seattle in September to take up his new duties.