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O'MALLEY IS APPOINTED AS FISH COMMISSIONER

Henry O'Malley of Seattle was appointed Wednesday by President Harding to the office of commissioner of the bureau of fisheries, to succeed Dr. Hugh M Smith, who resigned some months ago. This appointment has been pending for some time, with more than 20 applicants for the office. The many friends of Mr. O'Malley in this city and through the Skagit Valley have been hoping that he would land the job and are well pleased that he was selected by the president. For the past four years Mr. O'Malley has been field assistant of the bureau of fisheries, in charge of all operations on the Pacific coast, with headquarters in Seattle.

Mr. O'Malley entered the fisheries service 20 years ago as apprentice fish culturist at St. Johnsburg, Vt. In 1898 he was transferred to the Pacific coast and placed in charge of the government hatchery at Baker Lake, near this city, and made his headquarters here for several years, later serving in the Columbia river district and in Alaska before he was placed in charge of all coast hatcheries four years ago. He is well known in this county, and is popular among the men connected with the bureau of fisheries in this district. Mrs. O'Malley is a daughter of the late Henry Thompson and is a sister of Richard Thompson of this city, county commissioner for this district.