

Schaefer named Director of the University of California's Institute of Marine Resources.

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Dr. Milner B. Schaefer, Director of Investigations for the InterAmerican Tropical Tuna Commission, has been named Director of the University of California's Institute of Marine Resources, President Clark Kerr and San Diego Chancellor Herbert York announced today.

The University-wide Institute, founded in 1954, fosters research and investigation of the resources of the sea.

"With appointment of Dr. Schaefer, one of the country's leading fisheries biologists, we hope to strengthen the Institute's program," President Kerr said. "Among critical problems that need to be explored in a broadened program are the socio-economic ones that handicap effective use of fisheries and other marine resources."

Dr. Schaefer, 49, has headed the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission since 1951. Its headquarters laboratory is at the Point Loma Annex of the Scripps Institution of Oceanography. Dr. Schaefer will continue to serve as its director of investigations on a part-time basis until his successor is chosen.

A member of the Committee on Oceanography of the National Academy of Sciences and of the National Committee of the Special Committee on Oceanic Research of the International Council of Scientific Unions, Schaefer received his B.Sc. and Ph.D. from the University of Washington. He serves on the Advisory Board of the National Oceanographic Data Center, and has published numerous scientific articles and reports.

In addition to becoming Director of the Institute of Marine Resources, Schaefer has been appointed a Professor of Oceanography on the University faculty.

The Institute of Marine Resources serves as a focal point for those concerned with the sea's resources. Its only preceding Director was Charles D. Wheelock, who served from 1956 until he retired in 1961.

The Institute's broad responsibilities include research,, education and public service in the field of marine resources. University personnel connected with the Institute are engaged in a variety of studies: consideration of the potential resources of the sea in relation to needs of an increased population; research on the productivity,, ecology and population dynamics of living resources; on the composition of fishes., especially the nature of proteins and unsaturated fatty acids; studies of the topography of the deep-sea floor; research on beach erosion and formation and other inshore geological processes; studies related to disposal of atomic and other wastes; and on the distribution, composition and engineering feasibility of mining deep-sea mineral deposits, including phosphorite and manganese nodules.