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Office of the White House Press Secretary

NOTICE TO THE PRESS

The President today announced the appointment of three persons as Commissioners of the United States Section of the International North Pacific Fisheries Commission. They are:

Robert M. Thorstenson, of Petersburg, Alaska, President, Petersburg Fisheries, Inc., Petersburg, Alaska. This is for a term of one year. He succeeds Edward W. Allen who resigned effective December 31, 1973.

Dennis A. Grotting, of Eureka, California, Secretary-Manager of Fisherman's Marketing Association, Eureka, California. This is a reappointment and new position created by Public Law 92-471. He succeeds Milton E. Brooding who resigned effective January 1, 1974.

Elmer Rasmuson, of Anchorage, Alaska, Chairman of the Board, National Bank of Alaska, Anchorage, Alaska. This is a reappointment. He has been serving since October 30, 1969. This is for a term of four years.

The other Commissioner is Robert W. Schoning, Director, National Marine Fisheries Service, NOAA, Department of Commerce, appointed by President Ford on September 24, 1974 for a four year term expiring September 23, 1978.

The Commission is authorized by a Convention which entered into force in 1953 between the United States, Canada and Japan, for the purpose of promoting and coordinating the scientific studies necessary to ascertain the conservation measures required to secure the maximum sustained productivity of fisheries of joint interest to the three nations. The parties to the Convention carry out the research and the conservation recommendations and provide for necessary restraints on their respective nations and fishing vessels.

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