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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 United States Commissioners on the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas. These are new positions created by Public Law 94-70 of August 5, 1975. They are:

Carmen J. Blondin, of Oxon Hill, Maryland, Assistant Director for International Fisheries, NOAA, Department of Commerce.

Frank Eberle Carlton, of Savannah, Georgia, Physician of Urology.

Charles R. Carry, of Redondo Beach, California, Executive Director, Tuna Research Foundation, Inc., Terminal Island, California.

The Commission's primary duties are to conduct research on the abundance of tuna and tuna-like fishes, biometry and ecology of the fishes, the oceanography of their environment, and the effects of natural and human factors upon their abundance and make recommendations, on the basis of scientific information, for action to maintain Atlantic tuna populations at levels which will permit the maximum sustainable catch.

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