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NOTICE TO THE PRESS

The President today announced the appointment of Carmen J. Blondin, of Oxon Hill, Maryland, as United States Commissioner on the North Pacific Fur Seal Commission. He succeeds Walter Kirkness whose resignation was accepted by the President on February 1, 1974, effective upon a date to be determined.

Mr. Blondin is the Assistant Director for International Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, serving since 1973.

The purpose of the Commission is the conservation of fur seals in the North Pacific Ocean.

The Commission was established by Article V of the Convention on Conservation of North Pacific Fur Seals signed at Washington, D. C. on February 9, 1957, in behalf of the Governments of Canada, Japan, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, and the United States.

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