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Office of the White House Press Secretary

NOTICE TO THE PRESS

The President today announced the appointment of Douglas C. Chapman, of Seattle, Washington, as a member of the Marine Mammal Commission for a term expiring May 13, 1979. The President today also announced the designation of Mr. Chapman to serve as Chairman. He will succeed Victor B. Scheffer whose term has expired.

Mr. Chapman has been Dean of the College of Fisheries at the University of Washington in Seattle, Washington.

The purposes of the Marine Mammal Commission are: To undertake a review and study of activities of the U.S. pursuant to existing laws and international conventions relating to marine mammals; to conduct a continuing review of the condition of stocks of marine mammals, of methods for their protection and conservation, of humane means of taking marine mammals, of research programs to be conducted, and of all applications for permits for scientific research; to recommend to the Secretary of the Interior revisions, as appropriate, of the Endangered Species List with regard to marine mammals; to recommend to the Secretary of State appropriate policies regarding existing or proposed international arrangements for the protection and conservation of marine mammals; and to undertake other studies and make recommendations it deems necessary to further the protection and conservation of marine mammals.

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