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The President has appointed two persons to be United States Commissioners on the International Commission for the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries.

They are:

James E. Douglas, Jr., of Newport News, Virginia, who is currently serving as Commissioner of the Marine Resources Commission of Virginia, a position he has held since 1971. He also serves as Commissioner, Potomac River Fisheries Commission, and Commissioner, Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission. From 1970 to 1971, he served as Lecturer and Business Manager for the University of Virginia's Eastern Shore Branch. He succeeds Charles H. W. Foster of Needham, Massachusetts, who resigned effective May 1, 1975.

Stanley R. Tupper of Boothbay Harbor, Maine, who is currently engaged in the private practice of law at Boothbay Harbor. He is a former member of the United States House of Representatives, serving as a Representative from Maine from 1961 to 1967. He previously served as a Commissioner of Sea and Shore Fisheries for Maine and was a member of the Maine State Legislature. From 1968 to 1969, he was President of the State's Urban Action Center, Inc., in Washington, D. C., and from 1969 to 1972, he was a partner in the law firm of Royall, Loegel and Wells in Washington, D. C. He succeeds Ronald W. Green, of Rockland, Maine, who resigned effective today.

The Commission is authorized by a Convention which entered into force July 3, 1950. The participating countries are the United States, Canada, France, Denmark, Federal Republic of Germany, Iceland, Italy, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Poland, the United Kingdom, and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics. The Commission develops and coordinates research programs which are undertaken by the individual member governments.