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**New Commissioner for the United States**

We have been informed that Mr Russell F. Smith III, Deputy Assistant Secretary for International Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration has been appointed as the Commissioner for the United States. Mr. Ryan Wulff will remain as Deputy Commissioner/Alternate Commissioner.

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