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## President To Nominate R.M. White, H.W. Pollock, J.W. Townsend For Three Highest NOAA Positions



Dr. Robert M. White



Howard W. Pollock



Dr. John W. Townsend, Jr.

President Nixon announced today his intention to nominate Dr. Robert M. White to the post of NOAA Administrator, former Congressman Howard W. Pollock as NOAA Deputy Administrator, and Dr. John W. Townsend, Jr., as NOAA Associate Administrator. The nominations will be submitted to the Senate for approval.

Dr. White, who has served as Acting Administrator since NOAA's formation, had headed the Environmental Science Services Administration from 1965-1970. He holds a bachelor's degree in geology from Harvard University and master's and doctor's degrees in meteorology from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He worked on meteorological research and development projects at the Air Force Cambridge Research Center, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and The Travelers Insurance Companies, and was

President of The Travelers Research Center, Inc., at the time of his appointment in 1963 as Chief of the Weather Bureau--now NOAA's National Weather Service. Dr. White was a member of the Commission on Marine Science, Engineering and Resources--which in its 1969 report, "Our Nation and the Sea"--proposed a program to assure the development of a national capability in the ocean to meet future demands.

Howard Pollock was elected Congressman at Large for the state of Alaska in 1966 and served two terms. He was a member of the House Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries, subcommittees on Fisheries and Wildlife Conservation and on Oceanography, and in 1970 was Chief Negotiator of the International Fisheries Agreements at Seoul, Korea, concerning protection of anadromous fisheries in the

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Northeast Pacific off Alaska.

Born in Chicago, Ill., Mr. Pollock has a Doctor of Jurisprudence degree from the University of Houston and a master's degree in industrial management from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He served with the Merchant Marine in 1936-37 and in the U.S. Navy during World War II. An Alaskan homesteader in the late 1940's and early 1950's, he has had a varied career in business and government. He is the only Alaskan and the only living American ever to serve in a territorial legislature, state legislature, and the United States Congress. In 1955, he was named one of the Ten Outstanding Young Men of the United States by the U.S. Junior Chamber of Commerce, and is also a recipient of the George Washington Honor Medal from the Freedom Foundation.

Dr. Townsend has been serving as Acting Associate Administrator of NOAA, and was Deputy Administrator of ESSA for the previous two years. Before joining ESSA in 1968, he had been with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration for ten years, the last three as Deputy Director of Goddard Space Flight Center. During World War II, he served as an officer in the Air Force. He holds bachelor's and master's degrees in physics and an honorary Sc.D. from Williams College. From 1949 through 1955, he worked at the Naval Research Laboratory, conducting basic research on the very high atmosphere. He became Deputy Science Program Coordinator of Project Vanguard, directing the preparation of scientific instrumentation for two of the original earth satellites. In 1963, he won the Arthur S. Flemming Award as one of the Ten Outstanding Young Men in the Federal Service.

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