

BRIEFING ON RECUSALS AND FINANCIAL INTEREST DISCLOSURES

National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) has issued Policy Directive 01-116 on September 29, 2014, which outlines guidance on financial disclosures for appointed Council members (Agenda Item F.1.a, Attachment 1). The Magnuson-Stevens Act requires Council members to file a statement of financial interest to assist in identifying potential conflicts of interest and appropriate occasions for recusals.

Ms. Mariam McCall will brief the Council on the content of the policy directive and process for implementing the policy.

Council Task:

Discussion.

Reference Materials:

1. Agenda Item F.1.a, Attachment 1: National Marine Fisheries Service Policy Directive 01-116 Fishery Management Council Financial Disclosures.

Agenda Order:

1. Briefing on Recusals and Financial Interest Disclosures
 - a. NOAA General Council Report
 - b. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
 - c. Public Comment
 - d. Council Discussion

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