

COUNCIL MEMBER RECUSALS

The Magnuson-Stevens Act (MSA) requires Council members to file a statement of financial interest to assist in identifying potential conflicts of interest and appropriate occasions for recusals. According to National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) Policy Directive 01-116, NOAA General Counsel shall periodically brief Regional Fishery Management Councils regarding financial disclosure and recusals. This agenda item serves as that briefing.

Ms. Sheila Lynch of NOAA General Counsel will brief the Council on the MSA requirement, the implementing rule, and NMFS policy directive 01-116 regarding financial disclosure and recusals.

Council Tasks:

Consider the report of NOAA General Counsel.

Reference Materials:

1. Agenda Item D.1, Attachment 1: National Marine Fisheries Service Policy Directive 01-116 Fishery Management Council Financial Disclosures.
2. Agenda Item D.1, Attachment 2: Final rule amending regulations regarding MSA financial disclosure and recusals.
3. If received, Public Comments are electronic only ([see e-portal](#)).

Agenda Order:

D.1 Council Member Recusals

- a. NOAA General Counsel Report
- b. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
- c. Public Comment
- d. **Council Action:** Consider the report of NOAA General Counsel

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