

RULES OF CONDUCT FOR STATE GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS

If you serve on a Fishery Management Council as an employee or officer of a state government, you are not subject to the Federal conflict of interest statutes or conduct regulations that apply to Federal Government officials. However, you are subject to any state statutes or regulations that apply to your conduct as a state official.

Council Regulations. In addition to any restrictions that apply under state ethics laws, Fishery Management Council regulations provide that you cannot:

- pay, offer, promise, solicit, or receive from any person, firm, or corporation a contribution of money or anything of value in consideration of either support or the use of influence or the promise of support or influence in obtaining for any person any appointive office, place, or employment under the Council;
- use or allow the use, for other than official purposes, of information obtained through or in connection with your Council service that has not been made available to the general public;
- engage in criminal, infamous, dishonest, notoriously immoral, or disgraceful conduct;
- use Council property for other than official business;
- participate personally and substantially in a matter primarily of individual concern; or
- participate in any matter of general public concern that is likely to have a direct and predictable effect on your financial interests.