

MISUSE OF COUNCIL AFFILIATION

You cannot use your association with a Fishery Management Council, including business contacts obtained through your work with the Council, for personal benefits or favors for yourself or others, including friends, relatives, or business associates.

Because you are not a Council or Federal employee, you cannot represent that you serve or act on behalf of the Council or the Federal Government, unless authorized to do so by the Council. You cannot use your association with a Council to imply that the Council endorses your personal activities. Thus, you should not refer to a Fishery Management Council on your business card unless your relationship with the Council is made clear.

ADDITIONAL RULES

Additional rules may apply depending on the specific arrangement or agreement between you or your employer and a particular Council. For example, a clause in a contract under which you provide services to the Government may subject you to additional conduct restrictions.

CONTACT INFORMATION TO OBTAIN FURTHER ADVICE

If you have a question about conduct rules, you may guidance from the Regional Attorney of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration assigned to advise your Council or from an attorney in the Ethics Law and Programs Division, Office of the Assistant General Counsel for Administration, United States Department of Commerce at 202-482-5384 or ethicsdivision@doc.gov.