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An affected individual may be subject to:

- ▶ Criminal and civil penalties at 18 U.S.C. § 216 if the individual's conduct constitutes an offense of 18 U.S.C. § 208.
- ▶ Magnuson-Stevens Act penalties if the individual's conduct violates § 307(1)(O) by:
  - Knowingly and willfully failing to disclose, or falsely disclosing, any financial interest required to be disclosed under the MSA, or
  - Knowingly voting on a Council decision that would have a significant and predictable effect on the individual's financial interests.
- ▶ Removal from the Council under 50 C.F.R. § 600.235(i).

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## Where can I get more information?

- ▶ Magnuson-Stevens Act provisions governing financial disclosure and recusal can be found at 16 U.S.C. § 1852(j)
- ▶ Regulations governing financial disclosure and recusal can be found at 50 C.F.R. §§ 600.225 and 600.235
- ▶ The financial disclosure form can be found at:  
[http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/management/councils/financial\\_disclosure/financial\\_disclosure\\_form.pdf](http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/management/councils/financial_disclosure/financial_disclosure_form.pdf)
- ▶ Completed NPFMC member disclosure forms can be found at:  
<http://www.npfmc.org/wp-content/PDFdocuments/membership/Council/CouncilFinancialDisclosures.pdf>
- ▶ Information on the financial disclosure form and FAQs can be found at:  
[http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/management/councils/financial\\_disclosure/financial\\_disclosure.html#acc2](http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/management/councils/financial_disclosure/financial_disclosure.html#acc2)
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