

## 2019 Current Fiscal Year Report: Sport Fishing and Boating Partnership Council

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### 1. Department or Agency

Department of the Interior

### 2. Fiscal Year

2019

### 3. Committee or Subcommittee

Sport Fishing and Boating Partnership Council

### 3b. GSA Committee No.

210

### 4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

No

### 5. Current Charter

06/21/2018

### 6. Expected Renewal Date

06/21/2020

### 7. Expected Term Date

### 8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

No

### 8b. Specific Termination Authority

### 8c. Actual Term Date

### 9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Continue

### 10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

No

### 10b. Legislation Pending?

Not Applicable

### 11. Establishment Authority

Agency Authority

### 12. Specific Establishment Authority

Secretarial Memorandum

### 13. Effective Date

01/05/1993

### 14. Committee Type

Continuing

### 14c. Presidential?

No

### 15. Description of Committee

Non Scientific Program Advisory Board

### 16a. Total Number of Reports

1

### 16b. Report Date

08/26/2019

### Report Title

Recommendation for the Secretary to Contact the FTC about RBFF/AFWA Complaint

### Number of Committee Reports Listed: 1

17a. Open 1 17b. Closed 0 17c. Partially Closed 0 Other Activities 0 17d. Total 1

### Meetings and Dates

#### Purpose

The primary purposes of this meeting were to 1) brief new members of the Sport Fishing and Boating Partnership Council, 2) elect Council leadership, 3) approve the formation of subcommittees to look at boating issues, fishing issues, and outreach and communications, and 4) discuss work products and communication opportunities to advise the administration.

#### Start

#### End

06/25/2019 - 06/26/2019

### Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 1

	Current FY	Next FY
18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$138,971.00	\$175,159.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$0.00	\$75,000.00

<b>18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members</b>	\$13,342.00	\$75,000.00
<b>18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff</b>	\$460.00	\$8,000.00
<b>18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants</b>	\$0.00	\$10,000.00
<b>18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)</b>	\$24,313.00	\$35,000.00
<b>18d. Total</b>	\$177,086.00	\$378,159.00
<b>19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)</b>	1.00	1.00

**20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?**

The Sport Fishing and Boating Partnership Council (Council) accomplishes its purpose by: 1) completing assessments and evaluations of Federal fishing and boating programs requested by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) and other agencies; and 2) recommending policies that improve aquatic resources conservation, fishing, or boating. For example, the Council has completed evaluations of the Service's overall fisheries program and three boating grant programs administered by the Service. The Council is currently working with Federal agencies to improve the efficiency and transparency of Federal permitting processes associated with boating infrastructure (e.g., docks, ramps, and marina developments). The Council's efforts and collaboration with Federal agencies provides the Department of the Interior with insights and input on Federal fishing and boating programs.

**20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?**

The Council is comprised of a broad range of public and private sector interests that represent the Department of the Interior's fishing and boating stakeholders. The Council maintains a balanced membership by following the membership provisions in its charter. The charter identifies specific interests that are to be represented on the Council. These interests include: state natural resource directors, tribal resource management organizations, fishing tackle manufacturers, recreational boating manufacturers, recreational angling and boating organizations, outdoor education organizations, aquatic resource conservation organizations, and tourism interests.

**20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?**

The Council typically meets 2-4 times per year via teleconference or in-person. However, in FY 2019, the Council met just once. The frequency of the meetings is dictated primarily by the Council's progress with program reviews and assessments. The meetings are very relevant to the Department of the Interior because the Council's program reviews and their assessments provide guidance and recommendations to the Secretary on Federal agencies' fishing and boating programs.

## 20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?

The Council is comprised of national and regional leaders in angling and boating who represent a wide range of stakeholders. There is no equivalent committee or forum where these stakeholders interact together collectively to provide a comprehensive, well-rounded perspective on Federal fishing and boating programs. Accordingly, the Council's diverse set of organizational representatives ensures that a wide range of stakeholders' viewpoints are shared with the Department of the Interior.

## 20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?

N/A. All meetings of the Council are open to the public.

## 21. Remarks

The Council met once this fiscal year.

## Designated Federal Officer

Linda Friar DFO

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Angers, Jefferson	04/01/2019	04/01/2021	President, Center for Sportfishing Policy	Representative Member
Belleque, Janine	04/01/2019	04/01/2020	Executive Board of Directors member, State Organization for Boating Access	Representative Member
Boyd, Douglass	04/01/2019	04/01/2022	Saltwater and Freshwater Recreational Fishing Organizations	Representative Member
Bulthuis, David	04/01/2019	04/01/2020	Vice President, Government Affairs and Industry Relations, Costa Del Mar Sunglasses	Representative Member
Edmonston, Christopher	04/01/2019	04/01/2022	President, BoatUS Foundation	Representative Member
Gigar, Barbara	04/01/2019	04/01/2020	Past President, Aquatic Resource Education Association & Iowa Department of Natural Resources	Representative Member
Gilliland, Eugene	04/01/2019	04/01/2021	Director, B.A.S.S.	Representative Member
Horton, Christopher	04/01/2019	04/01/2022	Senior Director, Midwestern States/Fisheries Program, Congressional Sportsmen Organization	Representative Member
Hughes, Glenn	04/01/2019	04/01/2022	President, American Sportfishing Association	Representative Member
Huskins, Betty	04/01/2019	04/01/2021	Past Chair, Southeast Tourism Policy Council	Representative Member
Kovarovics, Scott	04/01/2019	04/01/2022	Executive Director, Izaak Walton League of America	Representative Member
Sprague, John	04/01/2019	04/01/2020	Past President, Marine Industries Association of Florida	Representative Member
Strong, John	04/01/2019	04/01/2021	Executive Director, Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation	Representative Member
Sutton, Eric	04/01/2019	04/01/2021	Director, Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission	Representative Member
Vasilaros, Nicole	04/01/2019	04/01/2021	Vice President, Federal and Legal Affairs, National Marine Manufacturers Association	Representative Member

**Number of Committee Members Listed:** 15

**Narrative Description**

The Council assists the Department of the Interior and the Service with guidance and policy recommendations for programs associated with aquatic resources conservation, fishing, and boating. More specifically, the Council's purpose is to advise the Secretary of the Interior and the Service Director about: 1) policies and programs that increase support for the Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund; 2) policies and programs that foster conservation and ethics in recreational fishing and boating; 3) policies and programs to stimulate angler and boater participation in the conservation of aquatic resources through outreach and education; 4) communication and coordination among government, industry, anglers, boaters, and the public; 5) implementation of Secretarial Orders 3347 and 3356; and 6) implementation of regulatory reform initiatives and policies in Section 2 of Executive Order 13777, Executive Order 12866, and Section 6 of Executive Order 13563.

**What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?**

Checked if Applies

- Improvements to health or safety
- Trust in government
- Major policy changes
- Advance in scientific research
- Effective grant making
- Improved service delivery
- Increased customer satisfaction
- Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements
- Other

**Outcome Comments**

N/A

**What are the cost savings associated with this committee?**

Checked if Applies

- None
- Unable to Determine
- Under \$100,000
- \$100,000 - \$500,000
- \$500,001 - \$1,000,000

\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000  
\$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000  
Over \$10,000,000  
Cost Savings Other



### **Cost Savings Comments**

The Council's evaluations of Federal programs and policy recommendations seek to improve the overall effectiveness and efficiency of Federal efforts. However, it is difficult to quantify specific cost savings. For example, although the Council's recent review of the National Outreach and Communication Program (Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number 15.653) provides recommendations on ways to increase the program's overall effectiveness, it does not identify specific cost savings associated with these proposed changes.

### **What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?**

242

### **Number of Recommendations Comments**

The Council provided 1 recommendation to the Secretary in FY 2019, to contact the Federal Trade Commission about an issue they identified.

### **What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?**

82%

### **% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments**

The Service has implemented 198 of the Council's 242 recommendations. The new recommendations that have been implemented included: 1) Increase recreational fishing participation, and 2) Provide briefings to the Council on the work of the 8 FWS Hunt and Fish Chiefs. Also, the FWS is looking into the Council request to assess a complaint on fraudulent fishing license websites.

### **What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?**

0%

### **% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments**

NA

**Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?**

Yes  No  Not Applicable

**Agency Feedback Comments**

The Council received feedback from the Department and Service representatives through in-person communication and formal correspondence.

**What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?**

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Action Comments**

The Service routinely incorporates the Council's recommendations into its consideration for projects selected for funding from the Boating Infrastructure Grant program's Tier II competitive grant selection. However, in FY 2018 and FY 2019, the Council did not provide any recommendations on that program.

**Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?**

No

**Grant Review Comments**

The Council makes funding recommendations to the Service Director regarding Boating Infrastructure Grant (BIG) Tier II Program proposals.

**How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?**

Checked if Applies

Contact DFO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Agency Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Committee Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online GSA FACA Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Publications	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Other



**Access Comments**

N/A