

## 2025 Current Fiscal Year Report: National Commercial Fishing Safety Advisory Committee

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### 1. Department or Agency

Department of Homeland Security

### 2. Fiscal Year

2025

### 3. Committee or Subcommittee

National Commercial Fishing Safety  
Advisory Committee

### 3b. GSA

### Committee No.

681

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

No

### 5. Current Charter

07/12/2024 07/12/2026

### 6. Expected Renewal Date

07/12/2026

### 7. Expected Term Date

09/30/2029

### 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?

### 10b. Legislation Pending?

### 11. Establishment Authority

Statutory (Congress Created)

### 12. Specific Establishment Authority

§ 601 of the Frank LoBiondo Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2018 (Pub. L. No. 115-282, 132 Stat. 4192 and amended by §8335 of the NDAA of 2021 (Pub. L. No. 116-283, 134 Stat 4706) and codified in 46 U.S.C. § 15102

### 13.

### Effective Date

10/29/2020 Continuing No

### 14.

### Committee Type

### 14c.

### Presidential?

### 15. Description of Committee

National Policy Issue Advisory Board

### 16a. Total Number of Reports

No Reports for this Fiscal Year

17a. 0 17b. Closed0 17c. Partially Closed0 Other Activities0 17d. Total0  
Open

### Meetings and Dates

No Meetings

	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	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18c. Administrative Costs (FRNs, contractor support, In-person/hybrid/virtual meetings)	\$0.00	\$0.00
18d. Other (all other funds not captured by any other cost category)	\$0.00	\$0.00
18e. Total Costs	\$0.00	\$0.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.00	0.00

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

The Coast Guard considers the Committee's input when making certain management decisions, best

practices and when drafting applicable regulations. The Committee represents the wide range of perspectives that are necessary to ensure that Coast Guard policies and rulemaking address the issues that pertain to the industry. The Coast Guard is able to task specific assignments such as training, stability and voluntary best practices to this group to obtain advice. The Committee's input and recommendations are especially valuable now, as the Coast Guard seeks to implement a host of new congressional requirements, through policy and rulemaking from the Frank LoBiondo Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2018, 2015, 2012, 2010 and the repeal of Executive Order 13771.

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

The Committee is composed of 18 members as follows: 10 members of the fishing industry who reflect regional and representational balance; 1 member representing naval architects or marine surveyors; 1 member representing manufacturers of fishing vessel safety equipment; 1 member representing education or training professionals relating to fishing vessels; 1 member representing underwriters that insure fishing vessels; 1 member representing owners of vessels to which Chapter 45 of Title 46, U.S.C. applies; and 3 members representing the general public composed of, whenever possible, an independent expert or consultant in maritime safety, a marine surveyor who provides services to vessels to which Chapter 45 of Title 46 U.S.C. applies, and a person familiar with issues affecting fishing communities and families of fishermen.

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

It is expected the Committee will meet at least twice each calendar year, but may meet more frequently as needs may require. In FY24, the Committee met in Fernandina Beach, FL on April 9-11 2024 and again in Anchorage, AK in September 10-11, 2024.

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

This Committee acts in an advisory capacity to the Commandant of the United States Coast Guard, the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security, on matters relating to the safety of commercial fishing industry vessels. The previous Committee was instrumental in helping to develop the first ever safety regulations for the commercial fishing industry in 1988. There are no other committees which deal with exactly the same subject matter. However, the Magnuson-Stevens Act requires the Fishery Management Councils, administered by the Department of Commerce, to address safety in their fishery management decisions. The Committee has continued to provide valuable recommendations on education, outreach, and additional areas for regulations and voluntary best practices and standards that could improve upon the safety record of this industry. The Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2010 expands construction, equipment, and oversight requirements for commercial fishing industry vessels. A series of proposed rules will be required to implement the new regulations over the next few years. The new national Committee has convened four times since the 2018 new national Committee authorization, continuing their work on safety and drug issues. The meetings have focused largely on the advising the Coast Guard casualty investigations and implementing best practice industry guidance. The Coast Guard

is primarily concerned with operational casualties and fatalities. The passage of the 2018 Coast Guard Authorization Act makes the new National Commercial Fishing Safety Advisory Committee's work especially important as the USCG works to implement new congressional requirements.

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

N/A

**21. Remarks**

Under 46 U.S.C. § 15109(m), the Committee is authorized to continue until September 30, 2029.

**Designated Federal Officer**

Mark R Neeland Chief, Office of Commercial Vessel Compliance (CG-CVC)

<b>Committee Members</b>	<b>Start</b>	<b>End</b>	<b>Occupation</b>	<b>Member Designation</b>
Alward, Matthew "Matt"	11/01/2022	01/20/2025	Commercial Fisherman and President, Bulletproof Nets, Inc.	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Boehmer, Kristian	11/01/2022	01/20/2025	Underwriter	Representative Member
Dameron, Thomas "Tom"	11/01/2022	01/20/2025	President / Overboard Solutions LLC	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Daughtry, Christopher "Ben"	11/01/2022	01/20/2025	Commercial Fishing	Representative Member
Dooley, Robert "Bob"	11/01/2022	01/20/2025	Commercial Fishing	Representative Member
Dzugan, Gerald "Jerry"	11/01/2022	01/20/2025	Commercial Fishing	Representative Member
Hewlett, Barbara "Barb"	11/01/2022	01/20/2025	Owner of Vessels	Representative Member
Hewlett, Glenn "Butch"	11/01/2022	01/20/2025	Commercial Fishing	Representative Member

Howland, Nicholas "Nick"	11/01/2022	01/20/2025	Equipment Sales Owner	Representative Member
Kelly, James	11/01/2022	01/20/2025	Commercial Fisherman	Representative Member
Londrie, Greg	11/01/2022	01/20/2025	Commercial Fishing	Representative Member
Rosvold, Eric	11/01/2022	01/20/2025	Commercial Fishing	Representative Member
Schutte, Suzanne	11/01/2022	01/20/2025	Foss Tug Safety Rep	Representative Member
Terminel, Michael "Mike"	11/01/2022	01/20/2025	Owner Alaska Survey Associates L.L.C.	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Theiler, Michael "Mike"	11/01/2022	01/20/2025	Commercial Fishing	Representative Member
Turner, David	11/01/2022	01/20/2025	Naval Arc	Representative Member
Vargas, Frank	11/01/2022	01/20/2025	Third Party Org	Representative Member
Vincent, Timothy	11/01/2022	01/20/2025	Commercial Fishing	Representative Member

### Number of Committee Members Listed: 18

### Narrative Description

The Committee will advise, consult with, and make recommendations reflecting the Committee's independent judgment on Coast Guard taskings relating to the safe operation of vessels to which Chapter 45 of Title 46 U.S.C. applies, including navigational safety, safety equipment and procedures, marine insurance, vessel design, construction, maintenance and operation and personnel qualification and training and drug use. In FY24, the Committee met twice, 3 days in Fernandina Beach, FL and for 2 days in Anchorage, AK for a total of 5 days. The Anchorage meeting was a 2 day meeting vs. a 3 day meeting to keep costs under the DHS 90K threshold.

### 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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Advance in scientific research	<input type="checkbox"/>
Effective grant making	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improved service delivery	<input type="checkbox"/>
Increased customer satisfaction	<input type="checkbox"/>
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

### Outcome Comments

N/A

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

Checked if Applies

None	<input type="checkbox"/>
Unable to Determine	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Under \$100,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$100,000 - \$500,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$500,001 - \$1,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Over \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cost Savings Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

### Cost Savings Comments

When new or revised rules require vessel owners/operators to add or upgrade safety and survival equipment on their vessels, there most likely is no cost saving to their operations. Additionally, any mandatory training and required refresher training has the ability to easily prohibit cost savings to the industry or American Taxpayer. However, if one considers that the number of vessel losses and fatalities have decreased considerably since the safety requirements were mandated, there likely has been an overall cost savings to the industry and fishing community relative to property loss and loss of life. A better analysis is needed to address any cost savings comments because the significant drop in active commercial fishing vessels operating since 1988 is also largely attributable to the relevant and documented decrease in the loss of life and property during this time frame where non operational fatalities and casualties were inclusive in the numbers being reported.

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

24

**Number of Recommendations Comments**

In FY24, the Committee met twice and made 13 recommendations associated with tasks.

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

38%

**% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments**

5/13 = 38.46%

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

42%

**% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments**

10 NCFSAC recommendations are under consideration or action pends by USCG but have not been fully or partially implemented to date.

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

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

**Agency Feedback Comments**

Periodically, a teleconference may be held to provide status updates on recommendations and information regarding program initiatives and actions in addition to NCFSAC taskings. Traditionally at the next meeting, the Committee will revisit Old Business to review the actions of the preceding meeting, review past recommendations and progress made on them, and the results of any action on recommendations. USCG comments to NCFSAC recommendations for each of the two meetings in FY24 are posted and can be found at: <https://www.dco.uscg.mil/NCFSAC2024/>

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

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities

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

### Action Comments

Reorganization of priorities and reallocation of resources may not be as a direct result of committee recommendations. However, any changes implemented may be influenced by committee input. Input from the committee often influences how outreach and educational activities are conducted with the industry.

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

No

### Grant Review Comments

### 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 type="checkbox"/>
Online GSA FACA Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Publications	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

### Access Comments

A link to the DCO CVC USCG mil page has been established

<https://www.dco.uscg.mil/Our-Organization/Assistant-Commandant-for-Prevention-Policy-CG-5F>  
where the NCF SAC information is primarily posted.