

2026 Current Fiscal Year Report: National Commercial Fishing Safety Advisory Committee

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1. Department or Agency		2. Fiscal Year	
Department of Homeland Security		2026	
3. Committee or Subcommittee		3b. GSA Committee No.	
National Commercial Fishing Safety Advisory Committee		681	
4. Is this New Fiscal Year?	5. Current Charter	6. Expected Renewal Date	7. Expected Term Date
No	07/12/2024	07/12/2026	09/30/2029
8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?	8b. Specific Termination Authority		8c. Actual Term Date
No			
9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year	10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?	10b. Legislation Pending?	
Continue			
11. Establishment Authority	Statutory (Congress Created)		
12. Specific Establishment Authority	13. Effective Date	14. Committee Type	14c. Presidential?
§ 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	10/29/2020	Continuing	No
15. Description of Committee	National Policy Issue Advisory Board		
16a. Total Number of Reports	No Reports for this Fiscal Year		

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

Meetings and Dates

No Meetings

	Current	Next
	FY	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 current Executive Order 14276 on American Seafood Competitiveness.

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. In FY25, the Committee members were terminated on January 20, 2025 by the Secretary and did not meet.

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. 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 (specifically National Standard 10). The Committee has continued to provide valuable recommendations on education, outreach, and areas for regulations and voluntary best practices to facilitate safe commerce and improve 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 coming years to make many of those federal requirements enforceable. The National Commercial Fishing Safety Advisory Committee has convened four times since the 2018 new national Committee authorization, which replaced in name the Commercial Fishing Safety Advisory Committee in name mostly. Once new members are established the new Committee will continue their work on statutory, regulatory, and workplace safety issues that impact the commercial fishing

industry (i.e. safe working conditions, fatalities, training, substance abuse, marine casualties, safe vessel operations, mariner competencies, etc.). The last four meetings have focused largely on the advising the Coast Guard casualty investigations and implementing best practice industry guidance learned from these investigations. The Coast Guard is primarily concerned with operational casualties and fatalities. The passage of the 2018 Coast Guard Authorization Act and Executive Order 14276 makes the new National Commercial Fishing Safety Advisory Committee's work especially important as the USCG works to implement new congressional and administration 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

Corydon F Heard Chief, Office of Commercial Vessel Compliance (CG-CVC)

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, personnel qualification, training, communications and substance abuse.

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

	Checked if Applies
Improvements to health or safety	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Trust in government	<input type="checkbox"/>
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 FY25, the Committee did not meet as members were terminated prior to any meetings. Therefore, no recommendations were provided back to the CG in FY25.

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 NCF SAC 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 NCF SAC 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 NCF SAC recommendations are posted on our webpage at: <https://www.dco.uscg.mil/NCFSAC/>

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 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.

