

2024 Current Fiscal Year Report: Great Lakes Pilotage Advisory Committee

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1. Department or Agency

Department of Homeland Security

2. Fiscal Year

2024

3. Committee or Subcommittee

Great Lakes Pilotage Advisory Committee

3b. GSA Committee No.

9488

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

No

5. Current Charter

05/10/2023

6. Expected Renewal Date

05/10/2025

7. Expected Term Date

09/30/2030

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?

Not Applicable

10b. Legislation Pending?

Not Applicable

11. Establishment Authority

Statutory (Congress Created)

12. Specific Establishment Authority

Coast Guard Authorization of 1998 (P.L. 105-383) Section 303, as amended

13. Effective Date

11/13/1998

14. Committee Type

Continuing

14c. Presidential?

No

15. Description of Committee

Board

National Policy Issue Advisory

16a. Total

Number of Reports

No Reports for this Fiscal Year

17a.

Open

0

17b. Closed

0

17c. Partially Closed

0

Other Activities

0

17d. Total

0

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. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)	\$0.00	\$0.00
18d. Total	\$0.00	\$0.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.00	0.00

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

The Great Lakes Pilotage Advisory Committee provides a public forum for discussing pilotage issues that impact the safe, reliable, and efficient operation of vessels on the Great Lakes. This process includes the stakeholders and industry providing feedback resulting in a better understanding of issues from the big picture perspective.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

The authorizing statute clearly specifies the

constituencies to be represented. It specifies the following 8 members: the President of each of the three Great Lakes pilot associations; representative of Great Lakes ports; representative of shippers whose cargoes are transported through the Great lakes; representative of vessel operators that contract for Great Lakes pilotage service; representative Great Lakes maritime labor organizations; and one member with a unanimous vote of the other members of the committee.

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

The Committee is expected to meet at least once per year. Additional meetings may be held at the request of a majority of the Committee. In FY23, the Committee met in-person once and provided five recommendations.

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

The Committee is mandated by statute. The issues affecting Great Lakes Pilotage are broad and diverse and impact the economies of the Great Lakes Marine Transportation System. The GLPAC is the only advisory committee that has the experience and knowledge to advise the Coast Guard on these matters.

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

N/A

21. Remarks

Under the National Defense Authorization Act of 2021 and the Elijah E. Cummings Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2020, the Committee is authorized to continue until September 30, 2030.

Designated Federal Officer

Kevin C. Kiefer DFO/Chief Waterways Division

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Baker, John	12/14/2021	12/14/2024	President International Longshoremen's Association (ILA)	Representative Member
Boyce, John	01/01/2013	12/31/2024	Registered U.S. Pilot, President St Lawrence Seaway Pilots Association (Vice Chairman)	Representative Member
Bray, Susan	05/06/2022	05/06/2025	Director Logistics, ArcelorMittal International	Representative Member
Crowley, John	05/06/2022	05/06/2025	Executive Director Great Lakes Shipping Association	Representative Member
Edyvean, Christopher	03/01/2023	12/31/2024	Registered U.S. Pilot, President, Western Great Lakes Pilotage Association	Representative Member
Gallagher, Danny	03/01/2002	12/31/2024	Registered U.S. Pilot, President Lake Pilot Association (Chairman)	Representative Member
LaMarre, Paul	12/14/2021	12/14/2024	Port Director Port of Monroe, MI	Representative Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 7

Narrative Description

The Great Lakes Pilotage Advisory Committee was established by the Secretary to review proposed regulations and policies, advise on matters related to Great Lakes pilotage and provide recommendations. The Committee provides a public forum for discussing pilotage issues that impact the safe, reliable, and efficient operation of vessels on the Great Lakes. This process includes the stakeholders providing feedback resulting in a better understanding of issues from the big picture perspective. The recommendations for this Committee were controversial and will likely result in a revisit in the following FY before finalization.

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 checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Increased customer satisfaction	<input checked="" 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

N/A

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

70

Number of Recommendations Comments

In FY23, five Committee recommendations were made.

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

12%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

In FY23 the Coast Guard held its annual meeting in Sault Saint Marie, MI at the suggestion of the Committee where there was lively discussion.

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

88%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

Based on the September 2023 meeting, the Coast Guard continues to work on those recommendations that have not yet been fully implemented, and the Committee expressed that changes and actions taken to date are moving the Great Lakes system in a positive direction.

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

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

Agency Feedback Comments

Coast Guard will inform the members of the Advisory Committee at subsequent meetings, informal notification via e-mail or telephone, or by publishing proposed regulations on issues affecting registered pilots.

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

Checked if Applies

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

Action Comments

All GLPAC stakeholders affected by Great Lakes pilotage diligently attend these meetings and have representation on the Committee. Regular attendance of the Canadian Great Lakes Pilotage Authority enhances coordination and awareness which strengthens Great Lakes pilotage efforts. The Committee has been instrumental as a forum for discussing and resolving very contentious and politically charged issues relating to the USCG's statutory responsibility to prepare rates that pilots may charge for their services. GLPAC has also provided very helpful comments on issues relating to safety equipment, pilot boats and computerized pilotage assistance software. GLPAC has also provided a valuable forum for discussion of international pilotage issues that affect both sides of the U.S.-Canadian border. There are current plans to engage the GLPAC on ratemaking methodology, pilot operations and management, and further coordination with the Canadian government. Feedback from the Committee supports agency action on the Great Lakes and provides impetus for further adjustments to the pilotage system.

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

No

Grant Review Comments

NA

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Access Comments

N/A