

2021 Current Fiscal Year Report: Ocean Research Advisory Panel

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1. Department or Agency		2. Fiscal Year	
Department of Defense		2021	
3. Committee or Subcommittee		3b. GSA Committee No.	
Ocean Research Advisory Panel		5214	
4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?	5. Current Charter	6. Expected Renewal Date	7. Expected Term Date
No	04/22/2020	04/22/2022	03/15/2021
8a. Was Terminated During FiscalYear?	8b. Specific Termination Authority	8c. Actual Term Date	
Yes	Sec. 1055(c) of the FY21 NDAA	03/15/2021	
9. Agency Recommendation for Next FiscalYear	10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?	10b. Legislation Pending?	
Terminate	Yes	Enacted	
11. Establishment Authority Statutory (Congress Created)			
12. Specific Establishment Authority	13. Effective Date	14. Committee Type	14c. Presidential?
10 USC 8933	11/18/1997	Continuing	No
15. Description of Committee Other Committee			
16a. Total Number of Reports	No Reports for this FiscalYear		
17a. Open	17b. Closed	17c. Partially Closed	17d. Total
0	0	0	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 Panel advised the Ocean Policy Committee (per EO 13840 of June 19, 2018) and provided advice on policies and procedures to implement the National Oceanographic Partnership Program; selection of partnership projects and allocation of funds for partnership projects for implementation under the program; matters relating to national oceanographic data requirements; and fulfilled any additional responsibilities that the Committee considered appropriate.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

Membership were composed of not less than 10 and not more than 18 members consisting of the following: a. One member who represented the National Academy of Sciences. b. One member

who represented the National Academy of Engineering. c. One member who represented the Institute of Medicine. d. Members selected from among individuals who represented the views on ocean industries, State Governments, academia, and such other views as the Chairs of the Committee consider appropriate. e. Members selected from individuals who were eminent in the fields of marine science, marine policy, or related fields. Candidates for appointment came from academia, the private sector, former senior government employees, or senior military officers. The Panel included members who represented the National Academy of Sciences, the National Academy of Engineering and the Institute of Medicine. Based upon an agreement among these institutions and the Council, one member designated by the institutions will represent all three institutions and his or her membership shall be approved by the DoD Appointing Authorities. There was also a desire for consideration of geographic balance to ensure the viewpoints of the different coastal and marine localities are represented.

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

Regular meetings were normally held at least twice yearly. The Panel addressed topical issues raised by the National Ocean Council, and provided recommendations regarding the National Oceanographic Partnership Program investment strategy.

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

Federal statute (10 U.S.C. § 7903) required the Secretary of Defense to establish the committee.

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

Meetings for the Panel were not closed to the public.

21. Remarks

ORAP activities were suspended in FY18 and FY19 pending the Congressional action for a legislative proposal to terminate the Panel. Per the FY21 NDAA, ORAP is terminated under the Department of Defense and will be re-established under NOAA. No ORAP meetings were held in either FY 2019-FY 2021.

Designated Federal Officer

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Narrative Description

The ORAP supports the agency's mission by providing senior scientific advise to the National Ocean Council. Advice is provided on policies and procedures on National Ocean Partnership Program investments, resource management, and ocean policy.

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

Checked if
Applies

Improvements to health or safety	<input type="checkbox"/>
Trust in government	<input type="checkbox"/>
Major policy changes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Advance in scientific research	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Effective grant making	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Improved service delivery	<input type="checkbox"/>
Increased customer satisfaction	<input type="checkbox"/>

Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements
Other



Outcome Comments

NA

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

NA

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

52

Number of Recommendations Comments

Recommendations are broad policy comments to the National Ocean Council. No recommendations were provided to the Department of Defense in FY 2019-2021.

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

40%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

Recommendations are general policy comments relevant to multiple agencies used to assist and inform their investments. Tracking the implementation of recommendations is complicated as the onus for implementation, and the degree to which recommendations

are implemented, is dispersed among multiple government entities and other organizations.

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

20%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

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

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

Agency Feedback Comments

Feedback is provided through direct communication between the Chair of the National Ocean Council and the Committee. Feedback is contained in the Panel minutes.

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 type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Action Comments

Significant contributions were made to the National Ocean Council.

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 type="checkbox"/>
Online Agency Web Site	<input 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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Access Comments

Committee information and documentation is included

<http://www.nopp.org/about-nopp/nopp-committees/orap/> as well as the FAC database