

2018 Current Fiscal Year Report: Wildlife and Hunting Heritage Conservation Council

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1. Department or Agency

Department of the Interior

2. Fiscal Year

2018

3. Committee or Subcommittee

Wildlife and Hunting Heritage Conservation Council

3b. GSA

Committee No.

72548

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

No

5. Current Charter

02/22/2016

6. Expected Renewal Date

02/22/2018

7. Expected Term Date

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

Yes

8b. Specific Termination Authority

Agency Authority

8c. Actual Term Date

02/22/2018

9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Terminate

10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

Not Applicable

10b. Legislation Pending?

Not Applicable

11. Establishment Authority

Agency Authority

12. Specific Establishment Authority

Notice of Establishment:
75 FR 6056

13. Effective Date

02/05/2010

14. Committee Type

Continuing

14c. Presidential?

No

15. Description of Committee

Non Scientific Program Advisory Board

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 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. 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 Council met with appropriate regularity (the Council met two times in FY 2017, but did not meet in FY 2018) to ensure a robust and well-informed discussion and analysis of programs and issues related to its mission as specified in its charter. When appropriate, the Council developed and delivered recommendation letters to the Secretaries of the Interior and Agriculture on its programs that impact the Nation's hunting and shooting sports and wildlife conservation traditions.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

Council representation was balanced in relation to its mission as specified in its charter. The members were senior-level representatives of their organizations and/or had extensive knowledge and experience within the hunting and wildlife conservation communities. The constituent groups outlined in the charter were expressly chosen to reflect the fullest spectrum of voices within the hunting, shooting, and wildlife conservation communities, and the members reflect that balance and diversity.

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

The Council did not meet in FY 2018.

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

The Wildlife and Hunting Heritage Conservation Council was a necessary component to better inform the Departments of Agriculture and the Interior about programs impacting the Nation's hunting and wildlife conservation traditions. The newly established Hunting and Shooting Sports Conservation Council has taken over many of the advisory areas once covered by this council.

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

N/A - all meetings were open to the public.

21. Remarks

The Council has fulfilled its duties as stated in the Charter and will not be renewed.

Designated Federal Officer

Joshua Winchell DFO

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Anderson, David	08/26/2015	08/26/2018	Natural Resource Results	Representative Member
Beyerhelm, Chris	07/23/2010	02/22/2018	Administrator (acting), Farm Service Agency	Ex Officio Member
Crane, Jeffrey	08/26/2015	08/26/2018	President, Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation	Representative Member
Fosburgh, Pieter	08/26/2015	08/26/2018	President and CEO, Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership	Representative Member
Gale, John	08/26/2015	08/26/2018	Backcountry Hunters & Anglers	Representative Member
Glasscock, Selma	08/26/2015	08/26/2018	Welder Wildlife Foundation	Representative Member
Hall, Steve	08/26/2015	08/26/2018	Texas Parks and Wildlife	Representative Member
Hubbard, Wayne	08/26/2015	08/26/2018	Urban American Outdoors	Representative Member
Humphries, Rebecca	08/26/2015	08/26/2018	CEO, National Wild Turkey Federation	Representative Member
Jordan, Leonard	07/23/2010	02/22/2018	Chief (acting), Natural Resources Conservation Service	Ex Officio Member
Kania, Gary	08/26/2015	08/26/2018	Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation	Representative Member
Keane, Larry	08/26/2015	08/26/2018	National Shooting Sports Foundation	Representative Member
Kessler, Winifred	08/26/2015	08/26/2018	The Wildlife Society	Representative Member
Leahy, Mike	12/12/2014	12/12/2017	National Wildlife Federation	Representative Member
Manes, Robert	08/26/2015	08/26/2018	Kansas Director, The Nature Conservancy	Representative Member
Maulson, Frederick	08/26/2015	08/26/2018	Chief Warden, Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission	Representative Member
Model, Robert	08/26/2015	08/26/2018	Chairman, Boone and Crockett Club	Representative Member
Moretti, Miles	08/26/2015	08/26/2018	President and CEO, Mule Deer Foundation	Representative Member
Naigus, Heather	08/26/2015	08/26/2018	Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission	Representative Member

Nedd, Michael	07/23/2010	02/22/2018	Director (acting), Bureau of Land Management	Ex Officio Member
Nomsen, David	08/26/2015	08/26/2018	Pheasants Forever	Representative Member
O'Mara, Collin	12/12/2014	12/12/2017	President and CEO, National Wildlife Federation former NM	Representative Member
Prukop, Joanna	08/26/2015	08/26/2018	Secretary of Energy, Minerals, and Natural Resources	Representative Member
Regan, Ron	07/23/2010	08/26/2018	Executive Director, Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies	Ex Officio Member
Reynolds, Michael	02/22/2012	02/22/2018	Director (acting), National Park Service	Ex Officio Member
Sandoval, Alexandra	08/26/2015	08/26/2018	Director, New Mexico Department of Game and Fish	Representative Member
Sanetti, Stephen	08/26/2015	08/26/2018	President and CEO, National Shooting Sports Foundation	Representative Member
Sheehan, Greg	07/23/2010	02/22/2018	Principal Deputy Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	Ex Officio Member
Tawney, Land	08/26/2015	08/26/2018	Executive Director, Backcountry Hunters & Anglers	Representative Member
Theard, Michael	08/26/2015	08/26/2018	Buffalo Soldiers	Representative Member
Thomas, Christine	08/26/2015	08/26/2018	Dean and Professor of Resource Management, University of Wisconsin at Stevens Point	Representative Member
Tomke, John	08/26/2015	08/26/2018	President, Ducks Unlimited de Mexico	Representative Member
Tooke, Tony	07/23/2010	02/22/2018	Chief, U.S. Forest Service	Ex Officio Member
Vincent, Howard	08/26/2015	08/26/2018	President and CEO, Pheasants Forever	Representative Member
Williams, Steven	08/26/2015	08/26/2018	President, Wildlife Management Institute	Representative Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 36

Narrative Description

The Council advised the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture on wildlife and habitat conservation endeavors that (1) benefit recreational hunting; (2) benefit wildlife resources; and (3) encourage partnerships among the public, the sporting conservation community, wildlife conservation groups, the States, Native American tribes, and the Federal Government.

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

Outcome Comments

Not Applicable

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

\$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000

Over \$10,000,000

Cost Savings Other

Cost Savings Comments

Not applicable.

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

83

Number of Recommendations Comments

Not applicable

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

20%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

Council recommendations regarding the National Wildlife Refuge System Vision Document and the America's Great Outdoors program were incorporated into the documents. The inclusion of language and concepts suggested by the Council were easy to track in the reports. The Council also recommended that the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) implement a pilot recreational shooting program for the Sonoran Desert National monument, applicable to all BLM lands, a recommendation formally accepted by BLM. Council recommendations for improving importation of animal trophies from overseas were also incorporated into CITES documents by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The administration followed up on the Council's FY 2013 letters, requesting they engage with OMB and ATF on Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration program sequestration and policies on lead-alternative ammunition, respectively. Nine of the Council recommendations submitted in its letter responding to Secretarial Order 3347 were incorporated into the DOI action plan outlined in the follow-up Secretarial Order 3356.

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

The majority of the Council's recommendations focused on providing support for critical conservation programs administered by the Departments of Agriculture and of the Interior. Implementation of the Council's guidance was tracked to determine whether those key programs retained the resources and support suggested by the Council.

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

Yes No Not Applicable

Agency Feedback Comments

Agency feedback to Council recommendations was provided by USDA officials and bureau ex officios in their comments to the Council during meetings. Response letters, when appropriate, were provided by the Secretaries and bureau directors.

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

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

No

Grant Review Comments

Not applicable

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



Publications



Other



Access Comments

The DFO uploaded all Council information to the Council website, including contact information for the DFO.