

2026 Current Fiscal Year Report: Hunting and Shooting Sports Conservation and Access Council

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1. Department or Agency

Department of the Interior

2. Fiscal Year

2026

3. Committee or Subcommittee

Hunting and Shooting Sports Conservation and Access Council

3b. GSA

Committee

No.

2643

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

No

5. Current Charter

03/12/2024

6. Expected Renewal Date

03/12/2026

7. Expected Term Date

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

Agency Authority

12. Specific Establishment Authority

To further the Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956 (16 U.S.C. 742a)

13. Effective Date

08/08/1956

14. Committee Type

Continuing

14c. Presidential?

No

15. Description of Committee

Board

Non Scientific Program 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 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 Council's purpose is to provide recommendations to the Federal Government, through the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture, regarding policies and endeavors that (a) benefit wildlife resources; (b) encourage partnership among the public; sporting

conservation organizations; and Federal, State, Tribal, and territorial governments; and (c) benefit fair chase recreational hunting and safe recreational shooting sports. The Council meets to discuss and make these recommendations.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

Council representation is balanced in relation to its mission as specified in its charter. The members are senior-level representatives of their organizations and/or have extensive knowledge and experience within the hunting and wildlife conservation communities.

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

The Council was designed to meet approximately 2 times per year. At these meetings, members discuss recommendations to put forward to both the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture.

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

Because of their professional affiliations and experiences, the members of the Council are uniquely positioned to provide advice to the Departments related to hunting, recreational shooting, and wildlife conservation. Members of the Council have years of experience as managers, advocates, and participants in the wildlife conservation and recreation field. There is no equivalent body of advisers empaneled to assist the Departments.

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

All meetings are open to the public.

21. Remarks

The Council met twice in FY25; in December 2024 and July 2025. Although discussions were held regarding issues before the Council, no official recommendations were made during the FY 2025 meetings.

Designated Federal Officer

Doug Hobbs DFO

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Nesvik, Brian	08/18/2025	08/18/2028	Director, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service	Ex Officio Member
Regan, Ron	05/11/2018	03/12/2026	Executive Director, Assoc. of Fish and Wildlife Agencies	Ex Officio Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 2

Narrative Description

The Hunting and Wildlife Conservation Council helps support the Departments' missions by providing advice and recommendations for implementing Executive Orders 13443 and 14008 and Department of the Interior Secretary's Order 3362. These Orders prioritize work by the Departments in creating, expanding, and maintaining hunting opportunities on Federal lands and waters, as well as conservation benefits derived from these activities. The Council is charged with making recommendations related to hunting and shooting sports that will expand opportunities, conservation efforts, and the economic benefits to the national and local economies. Increasing the opportunities for recreational hunting and shooting sports and wildlife conservation are all priorities within the Department of the Interior and the Department of Agriculture.

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
- Advance in scientific research
- Effective grant making
- Improved service delivery
- Increased customer satisfaction
- Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements
- Other

Outcome Comments

The Council's recommendations will likely lead to an outcome of expanded hunting/shooting sports opportunities on public lands, improved conservation efforts, and economic benefits to the national and local economies.

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

Not Applicable

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

97

Number of Recommendations Comments

There were no recommendations made in FY 2025.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or

will be Fully implemented by the agency?

30%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

5 recommendations made in FY 2024 were fully implemented during the FY 2025 reporting year (for a total of 29 fully implemented). At the end of FY 2024, there were 24 fully implemented recommendations.

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

27%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

26 of 97 recommendations have been partially implemented.

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

Yes No Not Applicable

Agency Feedback Comments

Agencies provided feedback to the Council on its recommendations via response letters and through comments and presentations at Council meetings.

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

Checked if Applies

- Reorganized Priorities
- Reallocated resources
- Issued new regulation
- Proposed legislation
- Approved grants or other payments
- Other

Action Comments

Not Applicable

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
- Online Agency Web Site
- Online Committee Web Site
- Online GSA FACA Web Site
- Publications
- Other

Access Comments

Not Applicable