

2021 Current Fiscal Year Report: Inland Waterways Users Board

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1. Department or Agency

Department of Defense

2. Fiscal Year

2021

3. Committee or Subcommittee

Inland Waterways Users Board

3b. GSA Committee No.

422

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

No

5. Current Charter

04/19/2019

6. Expected Renewal Date

04/19/2021

7. Expected Term Date

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

No

8b. Specific Termination Authority

33 U.S.C. § 2251

8c. Actual Term Date

9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Continue

10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

Yes

10b. Legislation Pending?

Not Applicable

11. Establishment Authority

Statutory (Congress Created)

12. Specific Establishment Authority

33 U.S.C. § 2251

13. Effective Date

11/17/1986

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 Meetings and Dates

0

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 Committee is required to report annually to the Secretary of the Army and the U.S. Congress with recommendations on inland waterways investment priorities and funding levels. These annual reports focus on investment prioritization of inland waterways projects, efficient funding in future Federal budgets for domestic spending and infrastructure investment, the ability of the Inland Waterways Trust Fund to fund the non-Federal share of future modernization and rehabilitation costs for the designated inland waterways, and application of sound business principles to develop an affordable investment program. The Water Resources Reform and Development Act (WRRDA) of 2014 also requires the Users Board to submit advice and recommendations on the budget for each fiscal year.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

Committee representative members represent inland waterways transportation service providers (carriers), primary users of these services (shippers), or perform both as a carrier and shipper. Also, they represent a large share of the carrier capacity and the primary and most other types of waterborne commodities moved on the inland waterways system, such as Coal & Coke, Farm & Food, Petroleum and related products. Members are geographically balanced and may also represent trade and regional development organizations. Board recommendations are consensually based on operation experience, waterways traffic and lock utilization, Corps capabilities, and funding realities.

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

The Committee is required to meet semi-annually by law. The Board normally meets three or four times a year, usually in January/February, April/May, July/August, and November/December. The Spring date is to formalize investment recommendations and priorities for inland navigation projects. The Summer meeting is to prepare and analyze information from the President's Budget and Administration testimony. The Fall meeting is to review Congressional actions, budget and appropriations, program direction and project updates. Additional meetings can be called, as needed.

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

Federal statute (33 U.S.C. § 2251) requires the Secretary of Defense to establish the committee.

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

Meetings are not closed to the public unless the DoD determines that items on the planned agenda meet the closed meeting provisions of 5 U.S.C. § 552b(c). Pursuant to

DoD policy closed meetings can only be authorized by the DoD Sponsor, the Secretary of the Army, and only after consultation with the Office of General Counsel for the Department of the Army.

21. Remarks

Representative Organizations and their designated individual to represent the company on the Board were selected effective May 2019, this allows membership to be staggered.

Designated Federal Officer

Mark R. Pointon DFO

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Earl, David	05/28/2019	05/27/2021	Manager of Marine Operations	Representative Member
Innis, Robert	06/22/2019	06/21/2021	Director of Transportation Operations	Representative Member
Judd, Damon	05/28/2019	05/27/2021	President	Representative Member
Monahan, Michael	05/28/2019	05/27/2021	President	Representative Member
Murphy, W. Spencer	05/28/2019	05/27/2021	General Counsel & VP	Representative Member
Oakley, Dennis	05/28/2019	05/27/2021	President and CEO	Representative Member
Power, Timothy	05/28/2019	05/27/2021	President	Representative Member
Rich, Robert	05/28/2019	05/27/2021	Vice President for Marine Service	Representative Member
Ricketts, Matt C.	05/28/2019	05/27/2021	President and CEO	Representative Member
Turner, Greg	05/28/2019	05/27/2021	Bulk Marine Barge Manager	Representative Member
Webb, Jeff	05/28/2019	05/27/2021	President	Representative Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 11

Narrative Description

The Committee supports the Navigation Business Function of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Civil Works Strategic Plan.

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

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

Recommendations made by the advisory Committee focus on the inclusion of inland waterways improvement and modernization projects in the President's Budget for Civil Works rather than trying to obtain cost efficiencies in agency operations.

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

181

Number of Recommendations Comments

The Annual Report for 2019 was prepared and is dated December 2019 (FY20), it contains seven (7) recommendations. The correct aggregate number for FY19 is 172 recommendations. Nine (9) recommendations in the 2018 annual report; nine (9) recommendations in the 2017 annual report; nine (9) recommendations in the 2016 annual report; seven (7) recommendations in the 2015 annual report.

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

80%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

Recommendations implemented IAW the needs of and requirements to sustain and modernize our inland waterways. Recommendations are often implemented by specific focus areas or projects. The recommendations are contained in the Annual Report and our compliance is reflected by the inclusion of projects in the President's Budget and its recommended appropriation amount.

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

15%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

Recommendations made by the advisory Committee in their annual report regarding future projects and funding are often compatible with the agency's budget recommendations. The partial implementation refers to the inclusion of a project recommended by the Committee in the President's Budget, but with a different recommended appropriation amount.

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 at every meeting of the Committee.

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 type="checkbox"/>

Action Comments

NA

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

Access Comments

N/A