

2025 Current Fiscal Year Report: Shipping Coordinating Committee

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1. Department or Agency	2. Fiscal Year
Department of State	2025
3. Committee or Subcommittee	3b. GSA Committee No.
Shipping Coordinating Committee	159

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?	5. Current Charter	6. Expected Renewal Date	7. Expected Term Date
No	03/07/2025	03/07/2027	

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?	8b. Specific Termination Authority	8c. Actual Term Date
No		

9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year	10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?	10b. Legislation Pending?
Continue	Not Applicable	Not Applicable

11. Establishment Authority Agency Authority

12. Specific Establishment Authority	13. Effective Date	14. Committee Type	14c. Presidential?
22 U.S.C. §2656	09/06/1964	Continuing	No

15. Description of Committee Scientific Technical 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 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. 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 Committee normally provides the U.S. Government views from maritime industry and private citizens on a wide range of technical issues connected with shipping security, safety and environmental protection. The Committee regularly considers numerous significant International Maritime Organization (IMO) initiatives relating to maritime security, safety, and environmental protection.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

The members of the Committee represent a cross section of interests and balance of views from the shipping industry, environmental groups and U.S. Government agencies. The Committee membership was updated in FY24 to maintain the balance. Private citizens, whether or not they are members, are invited to attend and speak at meetings.

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

During fiscal year 2024, the Committee met virtually and/or in a hybrid format three times. All meetings were open to the public via virtual teleconference. The structure of the Committee reflects matters under consideration at the IMO and in other organizations in which matters relating to U.S. shipping policies are addressed. Each meeting considers specific agenda items of forthcoming IMO meetings (specifically IMO Maritime Safety Committee and IMO Marine Environment Protection Committee Meetings), other meetings or events in which U.S. shipping policies may be addressed and/or reviews the results of such meetings.

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

Continuation of the Committee is justified as the most cost effective method available to the Department of State, the Department of Homeland Security (including the U.S. Coast Guard), the Environmental Protection Agency, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the Department of Defense, the Department of Transportation and other interested agencies to obtain input from the private sector. If the Committee were discontinued, ad hoc consultations with key officials in the sector would

reduce the opportunity for small businesses, labor groups and environmentalists to make known their views.

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

N/A. There were no closed meetings of the Committee in FY24.

21. Remarks

This Committee does not traditionally generate and/or issue reports for its work. No reports were generated and/or issued this past year. The Committee does not presently maintain a website.

Designated Federal Officer

Leslie Hunt Designated Federal Officer

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Aranke, Naval	05/18/2023	03/16/2025	Executive Shipping Services	Representative Member
Bray, Jeff	05/19/2022	03/16/2025	U.S. Coast Guard Office of Maritime and International Law	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Carter, Michael	05/19/2023	03/16/2025	Maritime Administration	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Kasat, Rakhi	05/18/2023	03/16/2025	NOAA	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Kohlman, Kevin	05/17/2023	03/16/2025	Maritime Administration	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Kramek, Joseph	05/18/2023	03/16/2025	World Shipping Council	Representative Member
Lantz, Jeff	10/01/2020	03/16/2026	USCG	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member

Laroo, Chris	03/28/2022	03/16/2025	EPA	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Medina, Mayte	05/18/2023	03/16/2026	USCG	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Menendez, Jack	05/22/2023	03/16/2025	Marine Engineer's Beneficial Association	Representative Member
Metcalf, Kathy	05/18/2023	03/16/2025	Chamber of Shipping America	Representative Member
Naron, Cameron	05/17/2023	03/16/2026	Maritime Administration	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Rounds, Eric	05/18/2023	03/16/2025	National Cargo Bureau	Representative Member
Rowan, Emily	06/30/2023	03/16/2026	U.S. Coast Guard' Commercial Regulations and Standards Directorate	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Samulski, Michael	05/18/2023	03/16/2025	EPA	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Schiffelin, Philip	05/18/2023	03/16/2025	Seamen's Church Institute	Representative Member
Turner, Barr	05/18/2023	03/16/2025	Cruise Lines International Association	Representative Member
Yuska, Dan	05/17/2023	03/16/2025	Maritime Administration	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 18

Narrative Description

The Committee provides the U.S. Government and the Department of State with the views of industry and private citizens on a wide range of technical issues connected with shipping safety, security, and environmental protection, particularly with regard to U.S. participation at the International Maritime Organization

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 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

NA

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

None	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Unable to Determine	<input 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

NA

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

0

Number of Recommendations Comments

Although the Committee does not generally provide formal recommendations, the Committee does sponsor frequent public meetings to gather public input to prepare U.S. delegations for meetings at the International Maritime Organization. The informal recommendations provided to the Committee by the public/industry are invaluable in delegation preparations.

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

0%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

The recommendations are not formal, but the comments gathered by the Committee inform U.S. delegations to the International Maritime Organization and other fora in which international shipping matters are addressed.

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

NA

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

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

Agency Feedback Comments

The Committee does not generally provide formal recommendations, but the Committee does sponsor frequent public meetings to gather public input to prepare U.S. delegations for meetings at the International Maritime Organization. The recommendations provided to the Committee by the public/industry are invaluable in delegation preparations. The Chair of SHC meetings usually provides response to any questions raised during meetings in real-time.

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

Contact Shipping Coordinating Committee Executive Secretary for access to committee information and documentation at (202) 647-3946.