

2019 Current Fiscal Year Report: National Park Service Subsistence Resource Commission-Gates of the Arctic National Park

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1. Department or Agency	2. Fiscal Year
Department of the Interior	2019
3. Committee or Subcommittee	3b. GSA Committee No.
National Park Service Subsistence Resource Commission-Gates of the Arctic National Park	555

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?	5. Current Charter	6. Expected Renewal Date	7. Expected Term Date
No	08/08/2012		

8a. Was Terminated During FiscalYear?	8b. Specific Termination Authority	8c. Actual Term Date
No	P.L. 96-487	

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

11. Establishment Authority Statutory (Congress Created)

12. Specific Establishment Authority	13. Effective Date	14. Committee Type	14c. Presidential?
P.L. 96-487	12/02/1980	Continuing	No

15. Description of Committee Non Scientific Program Advisory Board

16a. Total Number of Reports No Reports for this FiscalYear

17a. Open Meetings and Dates 2 **17b. Closed Meetings and Dates** 0 **17c. Partially Closed Meetings and Dates** 0 **Other Activities** 0 **17d. Total Meetings and Dates** 2

Purpose	Start	End
Develop and continue work on NPS subsistence program recommendations, and other related regulatory proposals.	11/13/2018	11/14/2018
Develop and continue work on NPS subsistence program recommendations, and other related regulatory proposals.	04/16/2019	04/17/2019

Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 2

	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	\$110,000.00	\$112,200.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$8,400.00	\$8,500.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00

18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)	\$800.00	\$800.00
18d. Total	\$123,200.00	\$125,500.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	1.15	1.15

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

The Commission is an advisory group. Federal law and regulation provide the opportunity for continued subsistence uses, including hunting, within the Gates of the Arctic National Park. The Subsistence Resource Commission for Gates of the Arctic National Park is a forum that promotes effective communication and mutual understanding of subsistence uses and related cultural resources. The Commission consults with every appropriate local advisory committee and regional council for comment and input on draft hunting plan recommendations. In addition to the advisory committee and regional council consultation process directed by P.L. 96-847 (the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act), the Commission is required to hold public meetings in all areas affected by the subsistence hunting program. The Commission's recommendations will help the NPS to ensure the continuation of the opportunity for local rural residents to engage in the subsistence use of resources in Gates of the Arctic National Park and Preserve. The NPS has adopted the following mission statement to guide its activities. Subsistence will be managed as a legislated use consistent with the provisions of ANILCA (Section 202), the Organic Act of 1916, and parks's enabling legislation to:

- protect the opportunity for qualified local rural residents to continue traditional subsistence activities
- recognize that subsistence ways of life differ from region to region and are continuing to evolve, and where appropriate, park management practices may reflect regional diversity and evolution
- promote local involvement and participation in processes associated with subsistence management
- ensure that management practices involving the utilization of public lands adequately consider the potential for restriction of subsistence uses and impacts upon subsistence resources
- ensure that management of park resources is consistent with the conservation of unimpaired ecosystems and natural and healthy populations of fish and wildlife, incorporating scientific data and principles with traditional knowledge and cultural values and
- promote effective communication and mutual understanding of subsistence uses and related cultural and social values, and park purposes and protection, between the NPS, subsistence users, the State of Alaska and the public.

The NPS SRC program is authorized under Title VIII, Section 808 of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act, Public Law 96-487.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

Membership, as prescribed by the Commission's enabling legislation, consists of nine

members as follows: (a) three members appointed by the Secretary of the Interior; (b) three members appointed by the Governor of Alaska; and (c) three members appointed by the regional council, as established by the Secretary or the State pursuant to section 805 of P.L. 96-487. The members include a range of individuals having personal knowledge of the region's subsistence conditions, and having an interest in Federal subsistence management.

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

Meetings are generally held twice a year, or as often as circumstances require. Commission recommendations are vitally important on matters relating to the taking of wildlife within the park, and are the foundation for the development and review of the subsistence hunting program.

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

The Subsistence Resource Commission for Gates of the Arctic National Park was established by Congress to devise and recommend to the Secretary of the Interior and the Governor of Alaska a program for subsistence hunting within Gates of the Arctic National Park. The Commission's unique insight on local customary and traditional patterns of subsistence use within the park has been important in developing workable subsistence hunting plan recommendations.

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

All meetings are open.

21. Remarks

During FY 2019, the Commission did not submit any formal hunting plan recommendations to the Secretary of Interior. The Commission met two times to review and consider development of subsistence program recommendations for Gates of the Arctic National Park. The Commission met in Fairbanks on November 13-14, 2018 and in Anaktuvuk Pass on April 16-17, 2019. Recommendations and discussion topics included writing a letter to the Secretary of the Interior to request an extension of the public review timeline for the Ambler Road Environmental Impact Statement and submitting Alaska Board of Game proposals to increase the bag limit for brown bears from 1 to 2 annually in Units 24B and 26A for Alaska residents.

Designated Federal Officer

Greg Dudgeon Superintendent

Committee Members Start

End

Occupation

Member
Designation

Bifelt, Hugh	11/04/2014	11/04/2020	Subsistence Hunter	Representative Member
Commack, Louie	11/04/2004	10/25/2020	Subsistence User	Representative Member
Edwards, Anthony	04/29/2019	04/29/2022	Subsistence User	Representative Member
Fickus, Tim	06/21/2001	11/04/2021	Subsistence Hunter and Trapper	Representative Member
Hepa, Raynita (Taquilik)	11/04/2000	11/04/2021	Research Specialist, Subsistence User	Representative Member
Hugo, Ester	11/04/2016	03/15/2020	Subsistence User	Representative Member
Reakoff, Jack	02/01/2001	11/01/2019	Subsistence User	Representative Member
Sikvayugak (A), Jerry	04/29/2019	04/29/2022	Subsistence User	Representative Member
Simon, Pollock	11/04/1982	11/04/2021	Chair Fish and Game Local Advisory Committee/Subsistence Hunter	Representative Member
Woods, Raymond	11/01/2016	11/01/2019	Subsistence User	Representative Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 10

Narrative Description

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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

During FY 2019, the Commission did not submit any formal hunting plan recommendations to the Secretary of Interior. The Commission continues to monitor issues related to Hunting Plan Recommendation 10-01. The Commission and National Park Service are working together to address concerns for management of wildlife populations within the national park and preserve.

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?

20

Number of Recommendations Comments

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

60%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

Not Applicable

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

40%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

Not Applicable

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

Yes No Not Applicable

Agency Feedback Comments

Not Applicable

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

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

Online Committee Web Site



Online GSA FACA Web Site



Publications



Other



Access Comments

Information on Gates of the Arctic National Park may be found at:

<http://www.nps.gov/dena/parkmgmt/aoac.htm>