

2019 Current Fiscal Year Report: Advisory Panel to the United States Section of the North Pacific Anadromous Fish Commission

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1. Department or Agency	2. Fiscal Year
Department of State	2019
3. Committee or Subcommittee	3b. GSA Committee No.
Advisory Panel to the United States Section of the North Pacific Anadromous Fish Commission	1945

4. Is this New Fiscal Year?	5. Current Charter	6. Expected Renewal Date	7. Expected Term Date
No	08/29/2017	08/29/2019	

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?	8b. Specific Termination Authority	8c. Actual Term Date
Yes	P.L. 102-567	08/29/2019

9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year	10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?	10b. Legislation Pending?
Terminate	No	Not Applicable

11. Establishment Authority Statutory (Congress Created)

12. Specific Establishment Authority	13. Effective Date	14. Committee Type	14c. Presidential?
P.L. 102-567	10/29/1992	Continuing	No

15. Description of Committee National Policy Issue Advisory Board

16a. Total Number of Reports No Reports for this Fiscal Year

17a. Open 1 **17b. Closed** 0 **17c. Partially Closed** 0 **Other Activities** 0 **17d. Total** 1

Meetings and Dates

Purpose	Start	End
Teleconference prior to the Annual Meeting	05/10/2019	- 05/10/2019

Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 1

	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	\$6,300.00	\$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	\$6,300.00	\$0.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	1.00	0.00

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

The goal of the Commission is to establish research needs and enforcement priorities for anadromous stocks and ecologically-related species subject to the Convention for the Conservation of Anadromous Stocks in the North Pacific Ocean. The Advisory Panel to the United States Section of NPAFC advises US Commissioners with respect to US participation in the activities of the Commission, including the development of policies and negotiating strategies.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

As required by law, membership is balanced geographically between the two states affected by the treaty (Alaska and Washington), and between non-governmental, industry, and tribal interests. The charter provides for Advisory Panel to be composed of: The Commissioner of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game; The Director of the Washington Department of Fisheries; One representative of the Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission, designated by the Executive Director of that Commission. None of these 3 appointments have an expiration date in the Charter. There are an additional 5 members from Washington State and the 6 members from Alaska State, these appointments have a term expiration of four years.

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

U.S. Advisory Panel Meetings are normally held annually in advance of the NPAFC Annual Meeting, and the meetings therefore are relevant and timely. In FY 19, the Panel met on May 10, via open teleconference, with no public participation joining the call

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

The U.S. Commissioners seek regular input from affected industries, conservation groups, academic organizations, and state agencies on issues in the NPAFC.

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

There is no need at this time to close meetings.

21. Remarks

The committee meeting was held on May 10, 2019 for FY19 by teleconference call, organized by the Department of State, Office of Marine Conservation. There are no reports for this committee because U.S. section members obtain input directly from committee meetings. This input is relatively short and directed at specific agenda items for each year's NPAFC meeting. In response to Executive Order 13875, the Department of State recommends terminating this committee. After legal review, the Department determined that the NPAFC Advisory Panel is not, and should not have been, subject to FACA. In addition, public participation in the meetings of the Panel has been historically low or nonexistent. The annual reports are posted at this website: http://www.npafc.org/new/pub_annualreport.html. The estimated costs for FY19 are \$6,300 for the committee meeting.

Designated Federal Officer

Elana Katz-Mink Mendelson Designated Federal Officer

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Alward, Matthew	11/08/2018	11/07/2022	United Fishermen of Alaska	Representative Member
Bassich, Andrew	11/08/2018	11/07/2022	chairman of local fish and game advisory committee	Representative Member
Blankenship, H. Lee	04/20/2018	04/19/2022	Northwest Marine Technology	Representative Member
Fandrei, Gary	11/08/2018	11/07/2022	Director of Enhancement for United Fishermen of Alaska	Representative Member
Gisclair, Rebecca	04/20/2018	04/19/2022	Ocean Conservancy	Representative Member

McPhee, Megan	11/08/2018	11/07/2022	Associate Professor of Fisheries, University of Alaska Washington	Representative Member
Neatherlin, Erik	11/12/2012	11/07/2022	Dept. of Fish and Wildlife	Ex Officio Member
Reed, Glenn	04/20/2018	04/19/2022	Pacific Seafood Processors Association	Representative Member
Ruffner, Robert	11/08/2018	11/07/2022	Kenai Watershed Forum	Representative Member
Seeb, Jim	04/20/2018	04/19/2022	University of Washington	Representative Member
White, Jacques	04/20/2018	04/19/2022	Long Live the Kings	Representative Member
Wright, Brooke	11/08/2018	11/07/2022	Fisheries Policy and Outreach Fellow for Alaska Marine Conservation Council's Young Fishing Fellows Program with Tanana Chiefs Conference	Representative Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 12

Narrative Description

The NPAFC Advisory Panel advises the US Section of the NPAFC regarding US participation in NPAFC activities, and the development of policies, positions, and negotiating strategies of the US Section. In particular, it advises the US Section on research needs and priorities for anadromous stocks and ecologically related species in the North Pacific Ocean.

What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

Checked if
Applies

Improvements to health or safety

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Trust in government

☒

Major policy changes

☐

Advance in scientific research

☒

Effective grant making

☐

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| Improved service delivery | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Increased customer satisfaction | <input 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

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|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 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 | <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

It is unclear what the costs associated with separate consultations with the types of interests represented on the Advisory Panel would be.

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

23

Number of Recommendations Comments

Since its establishment in 1992, the Panel is estimated to have made an average of one distinct recommendation per year to relevant authorities. Recommendations were conveyed informally through the participation of attending Advisory Panel members on the US delegation to the NPAFC Annual Meetings and on teleconferences prior to the Annual Meetings.

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

All informal recommendations received at the NPAFC Annual Meetings were considered in the development of US negotiating positions and on the teleconferences prior to those meetings.

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

20%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

Over the life of the Committee, there may have been a small number of recommendations that were impractical at the time or were postponed for consideration at subsequent NPAFC meetings.

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

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

Agency Feedback Comments

In FY19, feedback was given to any informal recommendations through the regularly held US delegation meetings at the NPAFC Annual Meeting and on the May 11, 2019 teleconference prior to the 2019 Annual Meeting.

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 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

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