

2017 Current Fiscal Year Report: Advisory Council on Wildlife Trafficking

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1. Department or Agency

Department of the Interior

2. Fiscal Year

2017

3. Committee or Subcommittee

Advisory Council on Wildlife Trafficking

3b. GSA Committee No.

2473

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

No

5. Current Charter

02/12/2016

6. Expected Renewal Date

02/12/2018

7. Expected Term Date

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

Yes

8b. Specific Termination Authority

8c. Actual Term Date

08/31/2017

9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Terminate

10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

No

10b. Legislation Pending?

Not Applicable

11. Establishment Authority

Presidential

12. Specific Establishment Authority

Executive Order 13648, "Combating Wildlife Trafficking"

13. Effective Date

07/01/2013

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 1 17b. Closed Meetings 0 17c. Partially Closed Meetings 0 17d. Total Meetings and Dates 1

Purpose

The purpose of this meeting was for members to receive an update on the progress of combating wildlife trafficking and discuss priorities for the upcoming year. Members also discussed potential areas warranting Council advice and the feasibility of forming working subcommittees to address particular issues. There was also an opportunity for public comment and input on Council priorities.

Start

End

01/17/2017 - 01/17/2017

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	\$6,735.00	\$0.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$1,269.00	\$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	\$8,004.00	\$0.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.10	0.00

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

The Council met in previous fiscal years to discuss and determine recommendations for the Presidential Task Force on Wildlife Trafficking.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

The Council reflects a diversity of stakeholders, perspectives, and interests, including knowledgeable individuals from the private sector, former governmental officials, and representatives of nongovernmental organizations, who are in a position to provide expertise and support to the Task Force and contribute to its mission to combat wildlife trafficking.

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

In FY 2017, the Council met once.

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

Executive Order 13648 required the establishment of an Advisory Council on Wildlife Trafficking to get appropriate expertise to advise the Presidential Task Force on Wildlife Trafficking. The Task Force needed this expertise from the public as we evaluated the on-the-ground issues of wildlife trafficking, including, but not limited to, economic and recreational impacts and conservation impacts.

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

All meetings have been open to the public.

21. Remarks

The Advisory Council on Wildlife Trafficking (Council) provided advice to the inter-agency Presidential Task Force on Wildlife Trafficking, through the Secretary of the Interior, on issues regarding combating wildlife trafficking. The Council is inactive and we recommend that its charter be allowed to sunset. The Council was not included in Executive Order 13811, Continuation of Certain Federal Advisory Committees dated September 29, 2017. The charter expired without renewal on August 31, 2017.

Designated Federal Officer

Bryan Arroyo Assistant Director - International Affairs

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Allen, Crawford	02/19/2016	02/16/2019	Senior Director, TRAFFIC	Representative Member
Barron, David	12/29/2016	12/29/2019	American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals	Representative Member
Bergin, Patrick	02/19/2016	12/31/2016	African Wildlife Foundation	Representative Member
Carson, Michael	12/29/2016	12/29/2019	Senior Manager, EBay	Representative Member
Hayes, David	12/29/2016	01/20/2017	Stanford University	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Huang, Lixin	12/29/2016	12/29/2019	American College of Traditional Chinese Medicine	Representative Member
Knights, Peter	02/19/2016	02/19/2019	Executive Director, WildAid	Representative Member
Mendelsohn, Sophia	12/29/2016	12/29/2019	JetBlue	Representative Member
Roberts, Carter	02/19/2016	02/19/2019	World Wildlife Fund	Representative Member
Samper, Christian	02/19/2016	02/19/2019	The Wildlife Conservation Society	Representative Member
Stewart, David	08/12/2016	08/12/2019	Executive Vice President and General Counsel	Representative Member
Webb, John	02/19/2016	02/19/2019	Retired Federal Prosecutor	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 12

Narrative Description

The mission of the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service is to work with others to conserve, protect, and enhance fish, wildlife, and plants and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people. Species that are often targeted by wildlife traffickers include iconic species, such as elephants and rhinos, whose continued presence in the wild has inspired Americans and the world for generations. Through the expertise gathered by this Council, we worked to better perfect law enforcement, demand reduction, and establish habitat conservation models abroad, among other things.

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

Not Applicable

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?

19

Number of Recommendations Comments

The Advisory Council on Wildlife Trafficking provided one official set of recommendations to the Task Force in FY 2014 and hasn't made any additional official recommendations since that time. These recommendations include, but are not limited to, demand reduction, changes in legal structures, and to improving enforcement operations abroad.

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

A vast majority of these recommendations have been incorporated in some form or another into the National Strategy to Combat Wildlife Trafficking Implementation Plan. The implementation of these recommendations is on a long-term ongoing basis in many range countries and will require years to be fully/partially implemented.

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

Not Applicable. See comment about pending status of recommendations above.

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 to the Advisory Council has been provided via letter and e-mail, demonstrating an appreciation for their recommendations and sincere thanks for their public service.

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

While the Council's recommendations contemplate proposed legislation and new regulations, among other discernible actions, these actions have not taken place yet, and will require more administrative preparation in advance.

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