

2017 Current Fiscal Year Report: Advisory Committee on Climate Change and Natural Resource Science

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1. Department or Agency		2. Fiscal Year	
Department of the Interior		2017	
3. Committee or Subcommittee		3b. GSA Committee No.	
Advisory Committee on Climate Change and Natural Resource Science		84565	
4. Is this New Fiscal Year?	5. Current Charter	6. Expected Renewal Date	7. Expected Term Date
No	06/17/2015	06/17/2017	06/17/2017
8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?	8b. Specific Termination Authority		8c. Actual Term Date
Yes	Agency Authority		06/17/2017
9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year	10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?		10b. Legislation Pending?
Terminate	No		Not Applicable
11. Establishment Authority Agency Authority			
12. Specific Establishment Authority	13. Effective Date	14. Committee Type	14c. Presidential?
64 Stat 1262	01/07/2011	Continuing	No
15. Description of Committee Scientific Technical Program Advisory Board			
16a. Total Number of Reports	No Reports for this Fiscal Year		
17a. Open	17b. Closed	17c. Partially Closed	Other Activities
1	0	0	0
17d. Total Meetings and Dates			
Purpose	Start	End	

Brief the committee on the enterprise-level strategic plan process and engage the committee in contributing to the plan. Specifically: Discuss driving factors for allocations for Climate Science Center (CSC) products and activities; Discuss the emergent properties of the network as a whole; Identify immediate communication needs associated with the Presidential transition; Brief the committee on CSC re-compete process, the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (AFWA) state climate survey, the Southwest CSC's activities, and ethics responsibilities of ACCCNRS members

11/09/2016 - 11/10/2016

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	\$11,778.00	\$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$22,592.00	\$0.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$26,470.00	\$0.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$12,174.00	\$0.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	\$4,650.00	\$0.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$5,868.00	\$0.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$2,553.00	\$0.00
18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)	\$363.00	\$0.00
18d. Total	\$86,448.00	\$0.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.20	0.00

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

The Committee provided specific written

recommendations to the Secretary of the Interior. In addition, the extensive discussion with members, which include key Federal, state, tribal and other partners, informed the activities of both USGS and these partners in an organic, partnership fashion.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

The members of the Committee were composed of approximately 25 members from both the Federal Government, and the following interests:

- State and local governments, including state membership entities
- Non-governmental organizations, including those whose primary mission is professional/scientific and those whose primary mission is conservation and related scientific and advocacy activities
- American Indian tribes and other Native American entities
- Academia
- Landowners, businesses, and organizations representing landowners or businesses.

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

The Committee met approximately 1-2 times annually, and at such other times as designated by the DFO.

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

To ensure input from and coordination with key stakeholders and partners in an emerging scientific and management arena with rapidly changing conditions and mandates.

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

N/A

21. Remarks

The ACCCNRS Committee expired without renewal on June 17, 2017. The Committee advised the Secretary of the Interior on the establishment and operations of the U.S. Geological Survey National Climate Change and Wildlife Science Center and the DOI Climate Science Centers.

Designated Federal Officer

Holly Padgett Program and Management Analyst

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Arnold (Alternate), Jeffrey	04/14/2016	04/14/2019	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Bail, Kristin	11/03/2016	04/14/2019	Bureau of Land Management	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Behar, David	11/03/2016	04/14/2019	San Francisco Public Utilities Commission	Representative Member
Beier, Paul	04/14/2016	04/14/2019	Society for Conservation Biology	Representative Member
Bidlack (Alternate), Allison	11/03/2016	04/14/2019	University of Alaska Southeast	Representative Member
Bierwagan (Alternate), Britta	04/14/2016	04/14/2019	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Caldwell (Alternate), Chris	11/03/2016	04/14/2019	College of Menominee Nation	Representative Member
Delach, Aimee	04/14/2016	04/14/2019	Defenders of Wildlife	Representative Member
Finnessey, Taryn	11/03/2016	04/14/2019	Colorado Water Conservation Board	Representative Member
Frumhoff, Peter	04/14/2016	04/14/2019	Union of Concerned Scientists	Representative Member

Hall (Alternate), Kimberly	04/14/2016	04/14/2019	The Nature Conservancy	Representative Member
Haney (Alternate), Chris	11/03/2016	04/14/2019	Defenders of Wildlife	Representative Member
Hannahs, Neil	04/14/2016	04/14/2019	Ho'okele Strategies	Representative Member
Hansen, Lara	04/14/2016	04/14/2019	EcoAdapt	Representative Member
Hohenstein (Alternate), William	11/03/2016	04/14/2019	U.S. Department of Agriculture	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Johnson, Randy	04/14/2016	04/14/2019	USDA Forest Service	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Lederle (Acting), Patrick	04/22/2015	04/22/2018	State Administrative Manager, Michigan Dept. of Natural Resources	Representative Member
Lieberman (Alternate), Susan	11/03/2016	04/14/2019	Wildlife Conservation Society	Representative Member
Markham (Alternate), Adam	04/14/2016	04/14/2019	Union of Concerned Scientists	Representative Member
McPherson (Alternate), Renee	11/03/2016	04/14/2019	University of Oklahoma	Representative Member
Moore III, Berrien	11/03/2016	04/14/2019	University of Oklahoma	Representative Member
Natesan (Alternate), Ellen	11/03/2016	04/14/2019	San Francisco Public Utilities Commission	Representative Member
Novak, Rachael	04/14/2016	04/14/2019	Bureau of Indian Affairs	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Pairis (Alternate), Amber	11/03/2016	04/14/2019	Climate Science Alliance-South Coast	Representative Member
Parsons (Alternate), Douglas	04/22/2015	04/22/2018	North America Policy Director, Society for Conservation Biology	Representative Member

Peterson, Jeffrey	04/14/2016	04/14/2019	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Pietrowski, Robert	04/14/2016	04/14/2019	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Quiñones Perez, Rebecca	11/03/2016	04/14/2019	Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife	Representative Member
Reeves, Bill	11/03/2016	04/14/2019	Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency	Representative Member
Richards (Alternate), Todd	11/03/2016	04/14/2019	Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife	Representative Member
Robinson, John	11/03/2016	04/14/2019	Wildlife Conservation Society	Representative Member
Rupp, Scott	04/14/2016	04/14/2019	University of Alaska, Fairbanks	Representative Member
Scarlett, Lynn	04/14/2016	04/14/2019	The Nature Conservancy	Representative Member
Score (Alternate), Alessandra	04/14/2016	04/14/2019	EcoAdapt	Representative Member
Simpson, Caitlin	04/14/2016	04/14/2019	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Stein, Bruce	11/03/2016	04/14/2019	National Wildlife Federation	Representative Member
Wagner (Alternate), Paul	04/14/2016	04/14/2019	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Whyte, Kyle	11/03/2016	04/14/2019	Michigan State University	Representative Member
Woodside (Alternate), Ulalia	04/14/2016	04/14/2019	The Nature Conservancy, Hawaii	Representative Member
Zylstra (Acting), Stephen	04/14/2016	04/14/2019	U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 40

Narrative Description

The Advisory Committee on Climate Change and Natural Resource Science provided input and recommendations on the operation of user-oriented science centers. The substantive area centers on fish and wildlife and their habitats/ecosystems, and the likely effects of climate change on these resources, and the potential actions that may ameliorate these effects.

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

Checked if
Applies

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|---|-------------------------------------|
| Improvements to health or safety | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Trust in government | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Major policy changes | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Advance in scientific research | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Effective grant making | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Improved service delivery | <input checked="" 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

Not Applicable

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

- | | |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 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
Cost Savings Other



Cost Savings Comments

There will likely be substantial efficiencies achieved in terms of improved service delivery, reduction of duplication, management activities that avoid or reduce damage, and the like. However, it is difficult to quantify such savings.

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

9

Number of Recommendations Comments

No recommendations for FY 2017. In March 2015, ACCCNRS finalized a set of 9 recommendations in four major substantive areas in a Report to the Secretary of the Interior. These recommendations have been formally submitted to the Secretary. The report with all 9 recommendations can be found here:

https://nccwsc.usgs.gov/sites/default/files/files/ACCCNRS_Report_2015.pdf

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

65%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

ACCCNRS made nine recommendations in four major substantive areas. Each is noted below, with a status update. 1) Conduct actionable science as main program focus: The program is implementing this, and will continue to do so for the foreseeable future.

ACCCNRS recommended changes to mission statements (underway; expected conclusion April 2017) and funding priorities (underway, continuous). ACCCNRS also recommended providing increased resources for communications and partner outreach.

This is occurring across the CSC network. IMPLEMENTATION STATUS: 80%2) Expand outreach, communication and collaboration with partners: This is and will remain a major focus of the program. IMPLEMENTATION STATUS: 80%3) Work with tribes and indigenous partners in a respectful way, and assist in the use of traditional knowledges in addressing climate issues. NCCWSC has distributed the two committee products addressing tribes/indigenous matters (as requested) and is working to support regional dialogues with tribal partners. IMPLEMENTATION STATUS = 80%4) Develop and implement performance metrics. NCCWSC is developing a strategic plan, from which performance metrics will be derived. NCCWSC is also supporting academic research to

identify methods to evaluate actionable science. IMPLEMENTATION STATUS = 20 %

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

35%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

In March 2015, ACCCNRS finalized a set of 9 recommendations in a Report to the Secretary of the Interior. Three of the main recommendations have been implemented at a rate of 80%, and one has been implemented only to 20% See notes in Fully Implemented Section

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

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

Agency Feedback Comments

Implementation is underway for all four areas. Development of performance metrics has been slowed by the need to begin a strategic planning process in which those metrics will be evaluated and adopted.

What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input checked="" 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

ACCCNRS recommended that NCCWSC and CSCs shift resources to supporting additional staff for outreach and communication necessary to ensure actionable science'. CSCs have expanded their staff to include more communications and program management expertise, as well as science managers. All of these staff contribute to increase capacity for interaction and solution-finding with partners, which is at the heart of actionable science.

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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online GSA FACA Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Publications	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Access Comments

N/A