

2010 Current Fiscal Year Report: Outer Continental Shelf Policy Committee

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1. Department or Agency

Department of the Interior

2. Fiscal Year

2010

3. Committee or Subcommittee

Outer Continental Shelf Policy Committee

3b. GSA Committee No.

21411

4. Is this New Fiscal Year?

No

5. Current Charter

06/05/2008

6. Expected Renewal Date

7. Expected Term Date

06/05/2010

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

Yes

8b. Specific Termination Authority

AGENCY

8c. Actual Term Date

06/05/2010

9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Continue

10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

10b. Legislation Pending?

11. Establishment Authority

Agency Authority

12. Specific Establishment Authority

AGENCY

13. Effective Date

05/18/2006

14. Committee Type

Continuing

14c. Presidential?

No

15. Description of Committee

16a. Total Number of Reports

No Reports for this Fiscal Year

17a. Open

1 17b. Closed0 17c. Partially Closed0 Other Activities0 17d. Total 1

Meetings and Dates

Purpose

Start

End

Special meeting called by the Secretary of Interior to address key developments in offshore oil and gas leasing and renewable energy programs and potential challenges/opportunities for the Department and the Committee. 05/06/2010 - 05/06/2010

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	\$1,542.00	\$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$100,929.00	\$0.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$9,710.00	\$0.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	\$85.00	\$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.)	\$1,400.00	\$0.00
18d. Total	\$113,666.00	\$0.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	1.50	1.50

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

The Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Policy Committee (PC) provides advice to the Secretary of the Interior through the Director of the Bureau of Ocean Management, Regulation and Enforcement (BOEMRE) related to discretionary functions of the Bureau under the OCS Lands Act (OCSLA)

and related statutes. The OCSPC reviews and comments on all aspects of energy leasing, exploration, development and protection of OCS resources and provides a forum to convey views representative of coastal states, local government, offshore industries, environmental community, energy consumers, other users of the OCS, and the interested public. The full OCSPC meets as needed in an open public forum to assist the Department and BOEMRE in managing the Nation's OCS resources. At the time its charter expired, the OCSPC was utilizing its three subcommittees and a working group to compile information and conduct research on OCS oil and gas leasing; OCS hard minerals/marine minerals; alternate energy related uses on the OCS; OCS revenue sharing; and geophysical and geological studies in former moratoria areas on the OCS. At the May 2010 meeting, the Secretary charged the OCSPC to assist the Department and BOEMRE in determining whether the current composition and scope and objectives of the OCSPC were appropriate to effectively address the very broad and emerging issues/responsibilities under the OCSLA and related statutes such as key national issues on offshore energy including the Offshore Oil and Gas Leasing Program, safety and environmental protection, and defining a "way forward" for providing access to OCS renewable energy resources.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

Members of the Committee are appointed by the Secretary for their ability to represent specific constituencies who have an interest in how OCS resources are managed. The Secretary approved 22 non-Federal member positions on the Committee to ensure representation of the

interests of coastal states, local government, offshore industries, environmental organizations, energy consumers and other stakeholders of the OCS. In addition to the 22 non-Federal voting members, there are currently two coastal states participating as state ex officio nonvoting designees. Since there are only eleven voting coastal state positions on the OCSPC, the charter was written to provide an opportunity for the other thirteen coastal states, if they so desired, to share their views and concerns during Committee deliberations. They serve in the same capacity as the nonvoting federal ex officio members. The Department and BOEMRE's goal was to form a diverse committee that represents a wide variety of views on OCS resource issues. As new responsibilities were assigned to the BOEMRE, the current membership was reviewed to ensure that all stakeholders are fairly represented. In 2010, the Secretary and senior management reviewed the current and potential program activity over the next two years and the pending reorganization of the former MMS and determined that further input would be needed from the OCS stakeholders before a final decision would be made on future composition and/or scope of the Committee.

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

The Committee meets at the request of the Director, but not less than once a year.

Subcommittees meet as necessary to accomplish their assignments, subject to the approval of the Committee Chair, the DFO, and the BOEMRE and the availability of resources. The annual Committee meeting was postponed several times during the fiscal year for various reasons. A special meeting was held in May 2010 to address

the current scope and objective, membership composition, and potential changes needed to assist the Department with managing the OCS resources and the nation's need for a reliable energy source.

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

Coordination with stakeholders is essential to the work of the BOEMRE. Since its inception, the BOEMRE has been committed to working with its constituencies. The OCSPC provides a forum to address the myriad of policy issues that the BOEMRE is responsible for under the OCSLA, as amended (43 U.S.C. 1331 et. seq.), including the provisions of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (P.L. 109-058) and the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act of 2006 (P.L. 109-432). This Committee is unique, and there are no other existing committees that serve this function. The issues the OCSPC addresses are long-term, controversial in nature and subject to frequent change in program emphasis. The primary purpose of the OCSPC is to provide top level decisionmakers with information and recommendations to support informed decisions impacting the Offshore Energy and Minerals Management/BOEMRE programs, policies, and operations, including short and long range plans that can be broad in scope, sensitive in nature and highly technically. Objectives may conflict due to changes in legislative or regulatory guidelines. The OCSPC supports, plans and conducts program evaluation which has direct impact on the success of the MMS to conduct its mission related to development and conservation of offshore energy and mineral resources on the OCS. The Energy Policy Act of 2005 amended the OCSLA to give authority to the Department of the Interior to

coordinate the development of an alternative energy program on the OCS and alternate uses of existing OCS facilities. The expertise and counsel of the Committee will be key as the alternative energy program and its related policies and regulations are implemented, in addition to advising the BOEMRE on its other OCS responsibilities.

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

All meetings are open to the public.

21. Remarks

The OCSPC's charter expired on June 5, 2010. The Agency will review scope and objective to determine whether to reestablish as is or restructure as appropriate. This document references the Bureau name change in June 2010 from Minerals Management Service (MMS) to the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement (BOEMRE).

Designated Federal Officer

Robert P. LaBelle Acting Associate Director,
Offshore Energy & Minerals Management

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Abbey, Bob	05/28/2010	06/20/2010	Acting Director, Minerals Management Service Coastal Planning Section Chief, Coastal Zone Management	Ex Officio Member
Abe, Joe	09/19/2008		Division, Maryland Department of Natural Resources	Ex Officio Member

Alternate, DOS	10/01/2009		Designee serves at discretion of the Secretary, Department of State Director, Office of Oil & Gas	Ex Officio Member
Baer, Mitchell	09/08/2004		Analysis, Office of Policy & International Affairs Assistant Secretary for Ocean and Coastal Management and Policy Analysis	Ex Officio Member
Baird, Brian	08/27/2004	01/16/2012	Jackson County Supervisor, District 1	Representative Member
Barton, Manly	01/16/2009	01/16/2012	Director, Minerals Management Service	Ex Officio Member
Birnbaum, S.	07/15/2009	05/27/2010	State Geologist & Director, Office of Geology, MS	Representative Member
Bograd, Michael	01/16/2009	01/16/2012	Department of Environmental Quality Director, Office of Federal Activities, Environmental Protection Agency	Ex Officio Member
Bromm, Susan	04/29/2010		Commissioner, Railroad Commission of Texas	Representative Member
Carrillo, Victor	09/22/2004	01/16/2012	President, Industrial Energy Consumers of America	Representative Member
Cicio, Paul	11/21/2005	03/01/2010	Vice President, Industry Relations, Halliburton	Representative Member
Cobb, Galen	08/27/2004	01/16/2012	Deepwater Land Manager, Chevron U.S.A., Inc.	Representative Member
Couvillion, J	01/16/2009	01/16/2012	Strategic Advisor to the President, Shell Oil Company	Representative Member
Dillon, Bernie	01/16/2009	01/16/2012		

Egeland, Thomas	09/08/2004		Director, Environmental Planning & Conservation Policy, Department of the Navy Deputy Secretary for External Affairs, California Resources Agency	Ex Officio Member
Ferrara, Todd	02/11/2008	01/16/2012	Deputy Secretary, Policy & Planning, Department of Environmental Protection	Representative Member
Fitzwater, Jennifer	07/29/2005	02/11/2010	Director, Global Marine Initiative, University of Rhode Island	Representative Member
Hale, Lynne	01/12/2009	01/12/2012	Vice President, U.S. Business, Great Lakes Dredge & Dock Company	Representative Member
Hanson, William	01/16/2009	01/16/2012	Mayor, North Slope Borough	Representative Member
Itta, Edward	08/29/2006	01/12/2012	Manager of Siting Policy, American Wind Energy Association	Representative Member
Jodziewicz, Laurie	01/11/2007	04/15/2010	Director, External Affairs, National Ocean Industries Association	Representative Member
Kearns, Michael	01/16/2009	01/16/2012	Director, Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management	Ex Officio Member
Kennedy, David	01/16/2009		Assistant Secretary, Land and Minerals Management	Ex Officio Member
Lewis, Wilma	08/10/2009		Senior Policy Advisor, NMFS	
Lindow, Emily	02/08/2008		Office of the Assistant Administrator, NOAA	Ex Officio Member
Mack, Stanley	08/29/2006	01/12/2012	Mayor, Aleutians East Borough	Representative Member

McConnell, Vicki	10/01/2006		State Geologist and Director, Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries	Ex Officio Member
Member, USCG	10/01/2008		Designee serves at the discretion of US Coast Guard Commandant	Ex Officio Member
Mink, Robert	08/27/2004	01/16/2012	Deputy Director, Geological Survey of Alabama	Representative Member
Mittelholtz, Ken	09/08/2004		Environmental Protection Specialist, Office of Federal Activities	Ex Officio Member
Moody, Jack	01/16/2009	01/16/2012	Director, State Mineral Lease and Natural Resources Program, Division of Assets Development, MS Development Authority	Representative Member
Morgan, Charles	01/16/2009	01/16/2012	Environmental Planner, Planning Solutions Inc.	Representative Member
Naatz, Daniel	08/27/2004	01/16/2012	Director, Federal Resources, Independent Petroleum Association of America	Representative Member
Oynes, Chris	02/11/2007	05/31/2010	Department of the Interior (Executive Secretary, OCSPC)	Ex Officio Member
Pyrdol, John	09/08/2004		Economist	Ex Officio Member
Rutherford, Marty	02/20/2007	01/16/2012	Deputy Commissioner, Alaska Department of Natural Resources	Representative Member

Schregardus, Donald	09/08/2004		Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Environment, Department of the Navy Senior Coastal & Ocean Policy Advisor, Chesapeake & Coastal Watershed Services, Maryland Department of Natural Resources Petroleum Land Manager, Alaska Department of Natural Resources, Division of Oil & Gas Assistant Secretary, Fish and Wildlife and Parks State Geologist & Oil and Gas Supervisor, Geological Survey of Alabama Environmental Manager, Office of Intergovernmental Programs, DEP	Ex Officio Member
Schultz, Gwynne	03/01/2008			Ex Officio Member
Slemons, Jonne	01/16/2009	01/16/2012		Representative Member
Strickland, Thomas	08/10/2009	01/20/2013		Ex Officio Member
Tew, Berry	08/27/2004	01/16/2012		Representative Member
Tucker, Deborah	08/27/2004	02/11/2010		Representative Member
Van Pay, Brian	11/09/2006		Geographer, Office of Ocean Affairs, DOS Environmental Legislative Manager, American Wind Energy Association Director, Jefferson Parish Department of Environmental Affairs	Ex Officio Member
Vinson, Thomas	01/16/2009	01/16/2012		Representative Member
Winter, Marnie	01/16/2009	01/16/2012		Representative Member

Woglom, Emily	01/12/2009	03/31/2010	Senior Policy Advisor-Marine, The Nature Conservancy	Representative Member
Young, Tom	01/11/2007	01/16/2012	Vice President, Deep Gulf Energy, LP	Representative Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 47

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	<input type="checkbox"/>
Trust in government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Major policy changes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Advance in scientific research	<input 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

N/A

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	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cost Savings Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Cost Savings Comments

The cost savings from utilizing the Committee's expertise on OCS issues cannot be measured monetarily. The Department and the BOEMRE benefit from sound advice in managing the Nation's natural resources, which very possibly leads to cost avoidance. When the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 was enacted, there were many ambiguities in the law that if left unaddressed could have lead to inadequate regulation at best, litigation at worst. The OCSPC formed a subcommittee which ultimately offered legislative changes that were accepted, leading the way to sound regulation. Similarly, coastal state participation through the OCSPC contributes to the collaborative development of a five year leasing program, renewable energy programs and the Coastal Impact Assistance Program that is less likely to be challenged at every stage.

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

14

Number of Recommendations Comments

The number of recommendations for the OCSPC will be cumulatively counted from November 2004, when the OCSPC was restructured and chartered as a stand alone committee independent of the Minerals Management Advisory Board, to present. The cumulative number of recommendations does not include recommendations from the May 2010 meeting.

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

71%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

The Bureau appreciates the Committee's serious attention and hard work in providing timely and valuable advice regarding the OCS Program and strives to implement the Committee's recommendations whenever feasible.

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

N/A

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 DFO provides the Committee with periodic updates on OCS related activities and new issues that arise. When recommendations are formally transmitted to the DFO, they are responded to accordingly.

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

Action Comments

N/A

Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?

No

Grant Review Comments

N/A

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