

# 2024 Current Fiscal Year Report: Sport Fishing and Boating Partnership Council

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## 1. Department or Agency

Department of the Interior

## 2. Fiscal Year

2024

## 3. Committee or Subcommittee

Sport Fishing and Boating Partnership  
Council

## 3b. GSA

## Committee No.

210

## 4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

No

## 5. Current Charter

04/05/2023

## 6. Expected Renewal Date

04/05/2025

## 7. Expected Term Date

## 8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

No

## 8b. Specific Termination Authority

## 8c. Actual Term Date

## 9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Continue

## 10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

Not Applicable

## 10b. Legislation Pending?

Not Applicable

## 11. Establishment Authority

Statutory (Congress Created)

## 12. Specific Establishment Authority

P.L. 117-58, Infrastructure  
Investment and Jobs Act of  
2021

## 13. Effective Date

01/01/2023

## 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. Closed 0 17c. Partially Closed 0 Other Activities 0 17d. Total 1

## Meetings and Dates

Purpose

Start

End

As established in its current charter, the Sport Fishing and Boating Partnership Council shall meet approximately twice annually to fulfill its advisory duties to the Secretaries of the Department of the Interior and the Department of Commerce. The May meeting is the first meeting with the newly established Council.

05/14/2024 - 05/15/2024

#### Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 1

	Current FY	Next FY
<b>18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18d. Total</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)</b>	0.00	0.00

#### 20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

The Council advises the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Commerce on aquatic conservation and restoration endeavors in fresh, estuarine, and marine environments that benefit recreational fishery resources, enhance recreational boating, and encourage partnerships

among industry, the public, and government to advance these efforts. The Council accomplishes its purpose by: 1) completing assessments and evaluations of Federal fishing and boating programs requested by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) and other agencies; and 2) recommending policies that improve aquatic resources conservation, fishing, or boating. Previously, the Council had completed evaluations of the Service's overall fisheries program and boating grant programs administered by the Service. The Council's efforts and collaboration with Federal agencies will provide the Department of the Interior and the Department of Commerce with insights and input on Federal fishing and boating programs.

**20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?**

Discretionary members are appointed by the Secretaries on a staggered term basis for terms not to exceed 3 years. Appointees will be selected from among, but not limited to, the following national interest groups: State fish and wildlife resource management agencies (two members, one a director of a coastal state and one a director of an inland state), Saltwater and freshwater recreational fishing organizations, Recreational boating organizations, Recreational fishing and boating industries, Recreational fishery resource conservation organizations, Tribal resource management organizations, Aquatic resource outreach and education organizations, and Recreational fishing and/or boating diversity-based organizations.

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

The Council typically meets 2-4 times per year via

teleconference or in-person. The frequency of the meetings is dictated primarily by the Council's progress with program reviews and assessments. The meetings are relevant to the Department of the Interior and the Department of Commerce because the Council's program reviews and their assessments provide guidance and recommendations to the Secretaries on Federal agencies' fishing and boating programs.

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

The Council is comprised of national and regional leaders in angling and boating who represent a wide range of stakeholders. There is no equivalent committee or forum where these stakeholders interact together collectively to provide a comprehensive, well-rounded perspective on Federal fishing and boating programs.

Accordingly, the Council's diverse set of organizational representatives ensures that a wide range of stakeholders' viewpoints are shared with the Department of the Interior and the Department of Commerce.

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

N/A. All meetings of the Council are open to the public.

**21. Remarks**

The Council did not meet in FY 2023. The Council is now required by section 28001(d) of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021, which requires that the Council advise the Secretary of Interior and the Secretary of Commerce, effective January 1, 2023. The Departments of the Interior and Commerce have been working to fill all 16 of the vacant

membership positions.

## Designated Federal Officer

Thomas McCann Chief, Branch of  
Communications and Partnerships, Fish and  
Aquatic Conservation

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Andrews, Daniel	01/15/2024	01/15/2026	Captains for Clean Water	Representative Member
Berry, Patrick	01/15/2024	01/15/2026	Backcountry Hunters & Anglers	Representative Member
Bissett, Lucas	01/15/2024	01/15/2026	American Flyfishing Association	Representative Member
Coit, Janet	04/05/2023	04/05/2025	Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, NOAA	Ex Officio Member
Conzemius, Patrick	01/15/2024	01/15/2026	Wildlife Forever	Representative Member
Crabtree, Clay	01/15/2024	01/15/2027	National Marine Manufacturer's Association	Representative Member
Fredericks, James	01/15/2024	01/15/2027	Idaho Department of Fish and Game	Representative Member
Gigar, Barbara	01/15/2024	01/15/2027	Past president, Aquatic Resources Education Assoc.	Representative Member
Gilliland, Eugene	01/15/2024	01/15/2026	B.A.S.S. LLC	Representative Member
Horton, Christopher	01/15/2024	01/15/2026	Congressional Sportsmen Foundation	Representative Member
Klimah, Carl	01/15/2024	01/15/2027	Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Department of Natural Resources	Representative Member
Koenig, Jennifer	01/15/2024	01/15/2026	Brunswick	Representative Member
Langford, John	01/15/2024	01/15/2026	Project Healing Waters	Representative Member
Leonard, Mike	01/15/2024	01/15/2027	American Sportfishing Association	Representative Member
Lewis, Joseph	01/15/2024	01/15/2026	Mount Dora Boating Center and Marina	Representative Member
Price, Candice	01/15/2024	01/15/2027	Urban American Productions	Representative Member

Sadler, G.J.	01/15/2024	01/15/2027	Marine Fish Conservation Network	Representative Member
Shimoda, Risa	01/15/2024	01/15/2026	River Management Society	Representative Member
Stewart, Nancy	01/15/2024	01/15/2027	State Organization for Boating Access	Representative Member
Sykes, Chuck	04/05/2023	04/05/2025	President, Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies	Ex Officio Member
Williams, Martha	04/05/2023	04/05/2025	Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	Ex Officio Member
Yoskowitz, David	01/15/2024	01/15/2027	Texas Parks and Wildlife Department	Representative Member

## Number of Committee Members Listed: 22

### Narrative Description

The duties of the Council are solely advisory and include duties such as: Providing advice that will assist the Secretaries in compliance with the Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956, the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, and other applicable statutes; Fulfilling responsibilities established by Executive Order 12962, as modified by Executive Order 13474: Monitoring specific Federal activities affecting aquatic systems and the recreational fisheries they support, and Reviewing and evaluating the relation of Federal policies and activities to the status and conditions of recreational fishery resources; Providing advice that will assist the Secretaries in fulfilling responsibilities established by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021, including, but not limited to: studying the impact of derelict vessels and identifying recyclable solutions for recreational vessels, and reviewing the study from the Comptroller General of the United States that documents the impacts of nonmotorized vessels on waterway access points and the use of funding sources to improve access issues and provide nonmotorized boating safety programs, and identifying potential recommendations for the Secretaries based on that study; recommending policies or programs to increase public awareness and support for the Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund; recommending policies or

programs that foster conservation, stewardship, and ethical practices in recreational fishing and boating; recommending policies or programs to address climate change and strengthen climate resilience by protecting and restoring aquatic ecosystems and supporting biodiversity while maintaining or enhancing fishing and boating opportunities; recommending policies or programs to stimulate and expand angler and boater participation in the conservation and restoration of aquatic resources; recommending policies and programs to stimulate recreational fishing and boating opportunities for all Americans, and to remove barriers to access for youth, veterans, urban residents, and other underrepresented communities; and providing advice on how the Secretaries can foster communication, education, and coordination among government, industry, anglers, boaters, and the public.

**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 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 Council's evaluations of Federal programs and policy recommendations seek to improve the overall effectiveness and efficiency of Federal efforts. However, it is difficult to quantify specific cost savings. For example, although the Council's review of the National Outreach and Communication Program (Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number 15.653) provides recommendations on ways to increase the program's overall effectiveness, it does not identify specific cost savings associated with these proposed changes.

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

244

### **Number of Recommendations Comments**

There were no recommendations in FY 2023 because the Council did not meet.

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

82%

### **% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments**

Historically, the Service has implemented 200 of the Council's 244 recommendations.

### **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 Council received feedback from Service representatives through virtual communication and formal correspondence.

### 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 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

The Service has routinely incorporated the Council's recommendations into its consideration for projects selected for funding from the Boating Infrastructure Grant program's Tier II competitive grant selection, but the Council was unable to provide those recommendations in FY23 because the Council did not meet.

### 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