

2024 Current Fiscal Year Report: Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Public Advisory Committee

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1. Department or Agency

Department of the Interior

2. Fiscal Year

2024

3. Committee or Subcommittee

Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Public Advisory
Committee

3b. GSA

Committee No.

5

4. Is this New Fiscal Year?

No

5. Current Charter

10/03/2022

6. Expected Renewal Date

10/03/2024

7. Expected Term Date

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

No

8b. Specific Termination Authority

AGENCY

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

Agency Authority

12. Specific Establishment Authority

US District Court MOA and
Consent Decree

13. Effective Date

10/23/1992

14. Committee Type

Continuing

14c. Presidential?

No

15. Description of Committee

Board

Non Scientific Program Advisory

16a. Total Number of Reports

No Reports for
this Fiscal Year

17a. Open

0

17b. Closed

0

17c. Partially Closed

0

Other Activities

0

17d. Total

0

Meetings and Dates

No Meetings

	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	\$0.00	\$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	\$0.00	\$0.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.00	0.00

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

The Committee meets to review issues before the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council and offers recommendations for consideration at the next Trustee Council meeting. In the past, the Committee has used ad hoc work groups to focus on issues at a more in-depth level.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

There are 10 members, including a representative for each of the following interests:
aquaculture/mariculture, commercial fishing,

commercial tourism, recreation,
environmental/conservation, Native
landownership, sport hunting/fishing, subsistence,
and science/technology, and public at large,

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

The Committee has typically met once or twice per
year, depending upon the issues before the
Trustee Council and their desire to use the
Committee for advice. The Trustee Council will
meet less frequently in the future, resulting in
fewer PAC meetings.

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

A vast amount of complex information is being
developed and the use of the Committee as part
of a comprehensive public participation program is
an efficient way to focus public attention on issues
and receive informed input. The Exxon Valdez Oil
Spill court settlement requires a public advisory
group to advise the Trustee Council, which
manages the restoration program.

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

Meetings are open to the public.

21. Remarks

One meeting was held in Fiscal Year 2023. This
Committee continues to advise the Exxon Valdez
Oil Spill Trustee Council, per the court-ordered
consent decree and memorandum of agreement.

Designated Federal Officer

Grace Cochon Regional Environmental Protection
Specialist

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
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Andersen Faulkner, Patience	10/01/2008	05/11/2024	Cordova District Fishermen United	Representative Member
Bauer, Amanda	05/11/2022	05/11/2024	Vessel Captain, Stan Stephens Cruises	Representative Member
Berns, Cynthia	05/11/2022	05/11/2024	Vice President, Old Harbor Native Corporation	Representative Member
Kopchak, Robert	10/04/2019	05/11/2024	Commercial fishing	Representative Member
Simmons, Stacey	10/04/2019	05/11/2024	Koniag Regional Native Corporation and VP Discover Kodiak	Representative Member
Skladal, George	10/04/2019	05/11/2024	Attorney	Representative Member
Stekoll, Michael	05/11/2022	05/11/2024	Professor Emeritus, Univ. of Alaska	Representative Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 7

Narrative Description

The Court Order establishing the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council also requires a public advisory committee. This Committee advises to the Trustee Council on their work plans, projects, and budget. The Committee meets once a year to deliberate. Committee members also stay informed through document review, informal briefings, and individual participation in technical meetings.

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

The Trustee Council fully supports the role of this advisory committee.

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

None.

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

475

Number of Recommendations Comments

For FY23, the Committee met once on November 29, 2022, and made 2 substantive recommendations. FY 23 Recommendations: 1. Approve the FY23 data management funding for the Killer Whale Monitoring Project. 2. Approve Alternative Green. The Trustee Council acted on the 2 recommendations during their November 30, 2022 meeting.

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

75%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

The Trustee Council fully implemented both of the Advisory Committees

recommendations in FY23 by: 1. Approving the FY23 data management funding for the Killer Whale Monitoring Project, and; 2. Approving Alternative Green.

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

11%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

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 Trustee Council provides input to the Committee through the Trustee Council's Executive Director and staff. Council members can also attend and/or present during committee meetings. The committee chair or the DFO typically report out to the Trustee Council during the council meetings. Committee members are encouraged to attend council meetings, but attendance is optional.

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

None.

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

Yes

What is the estimated **Number** of grants reviewed for approval 1

What is the estimated **Number** of grants recommended for

approval

What is the estimated **Dollar Value** of grants recommended for approval
\$12,780

Grant Review Comments

The Committee reviews and provides recommendations to the Trustee Council on proposals submitted for inclusion in the work plan and budget. When the Trustee Council approves the funding, proposers are granted funds to carry out the work. That approved amount may differ from the committee-recommended amount. At the committee meeting on November 29, 2022, members reviewed 1 grant proposal and recommended the Trustee Council fully fund it for \$12,780.

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

Access to the committee site and publications is available through the Trustee Council website and office.