

2024 Current Fiscal Year Report: Acadia National Park Advisory Commission

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1. Department or Agency

Department of the Interior

2. Fiscal Year

2024

3. Committee or Subcommittee

Acadia National Park Advisory
Commission

3b. GSA Committee No.

71

4. Is this New Fiscal Year?

No

5. Current Charter

03/29/2011

6. Expected Renewal Date

7. Expected Term Date

09/25/2026

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

No

8b. Specific Termination Authority

P.L. 99-420, as
amended

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. 99-420

13. Effective Date

09/25/1986

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

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 Commission reviews and makes recommendations to accept proposed easements. The Commission also provides advice and recommendations on various operational issues at the park, such as visitor use, science, education, and cultural resource and historic preservation.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

As prescribed by the enabling legislation, the sixteen-member Commission is composed of: (a) three members at large; (b) three members from

among individuals recommended by the Governor of Maine; (c) four members from among recommendations by each of the four towns on the island of Mount Desert; (d) three members from among individuals recommended by each of the three Hancock county mainland communities of Gouldsboro, Winter Harbor and Trenton; (e) three members from among recommendations by each of the three island towns of Cranberry isles, Swans island and Frenchboro. The members represent the interests of property owners, fishermen, businessmen, lawyers, academics, conservationists, recreationists, as well as the interests of towns, counties and state concerns.

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

The Commission meets an average of three times per year, with subcommittee work in between full meetings. This schedule has proved practical for their accomplishments and duties. The Commission members assist with the necessary research and communication to arrive at sound decisions for full Commission discussions. At full Commission meetings the Commissioners function as advisors concerning subject areas under deliberation. All meetings are held in-person and virtually to provide the public options to participate at Commission meetings.

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

The Commission was established by the Congress to consult with the Secretary of the Interior on matters relating to the management and development of Acadia National Park, including but not limited to, the acquisition of lands and interests in lands (including conservation easements on islands), and termination of

rights-of-use and occupancy. Qualified advice concerning issues that affect a wide array of subjects from those of simple local property owners to those that affect town, county, and state interests can only be attained from individuals who possess fundamental knowledge, understanding, and interest in those areas. For example, the Commissioners' first-hand knowledge and understanding of property owners affected by easements provided valuable insights for park management to proceed in a more effective manner.

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

All meetings are open to the public.

21. Remarks

Pursuant to Section 301(a)(b), Public Law 102-525, October 26, 1992, regarding charters and members of National Park System Advisory Committees: (a) The provisions of section 14(b) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. Appendix; 86 Stat. 776) are hereby waived with respect to any advisory commission or advisory committee established by law in connection with any national park system unit during the period such advisory commission or advisory committee is authorized by law. (b) In the case of any advisory commission or advisory committee established in connection with any national park system unit, any member of such commission or committee may serve after the expiration of his or her term until a successor is appointed. The Commission terminated September 25, 2006, but was re-established by Public Law 110-229, May 8, 2008, Consolidated Natural Resources Act of 2008; EXTENSION OF ACADIA NATIONAL PARK ADVISORY COMMISSION. (1) IN

GENERAL— Section 103(f) of Public Law 99–420 (16 U.S.C. 341 note) is amended by striking “20” and inserting “40”. (2) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by paragraph (1) shall take effect on September 25, 2006. The Commission will carry out its duties until September 25, 2026.

Designated Federal Officer

Kevin Schneider Superintendent, Acadia National Park

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Brooks, Carl	04/18/2023	04/18/2026	Island Resident	Representative Member
Davis, Kendall	04/25/2020	04/25/2024	Resident	Representative Member
Ehrlenbach, R. Fred	06/26/2004	04/25/2024	Resident	Representative Member
Gothard, Carolyn	09/28/2011	04/25/2024	Resident	Representative Member
Horton, Matthew	02/28/2012	07/07/2024	Vice President/Branch Manager for Machias Savings Bank	Representative Member
Johnston, Jacqueline	01/18/2002	04/25/2024	Resident	Representative Member
Montenko, Howie	02/28/2012	07/07/2024	Soft Engineer II, The Jackson Laboratory	Representative Member
Shea, Stephen	02/19/2016	07/07/2024	Owner/Treasurer/Project Manager/Estimator, E.L. Shea, Inc.	Representative Member
Smith, Kenneth	02/19/2016	04/25/2024	Resident	Representative Member
Wiersma, G. Bruce	03/17/2005	04/25/2024	Dean, College of Natural Science, Forestry and Agriculture	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Worcester, Ben	04/02/1988	04/25/2024	Resident	Representative Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 11

Narrative Description

Qualified advice concerning issues that affected a wide array of subjects, from those of simple local property owners to those that affect town, county, and state interests, can only be attained from individuals who possess fundamental knowledge, understanding and interest in those areas. The Commission provides a platform

for public input on park issues.

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 type="checkbox"/>
Advance in scientific research	<input checked="" 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

NA

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

NA

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

Number of Recommendations Comments

No new recommendations were made in FY 2023.

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

100%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

NA

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

NA

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

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

Agency Feedback Comments

Briefings and reports at the Advisory Commission meetings.

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

Not Applicable

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

No

Grant Review Comments

NA

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

Access Comments

N/A