

2024 Current Fiscal Year Report: Alaska Resource Advisory Council

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1. Department or Agency

Department of the Interior

2. Fiscal Year

2024

3. Committee or Subcommittee

Alaska Resource Advisory Council

3b. GSA Committee No.

2050

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

No

5. Current Charter

11/09/2023 11/09/2025

6. Expected Renewal Date

7. Expected Term Date

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

No

8b. Specific Termination Authority

43 USC 1701

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

Federal Land Policy and Management Act, Sec. 309

13. Effective Date

10/21/1976

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 Next FY 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 Alaska RAC members represent various interest groups and stakeholders throughout Alaska, and therefore provide valuable feedback and recommendations to the BLM regarding various natural resource management programs and land use planning efforts.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

The Alaska Resource Advisory council is composed of 15 members distributed in a balanced fashion among the following groups and within those groups. Specific interests include: Category I includes those holding Federal grazing permits or leases, interests associated with transportation or rights-of-way, developed outdoor recreation, OHV users, or commercial recreation

activities, commercial timber industry, or energy and mineral development. Category II includes nationally or regionally recognized environmental organizations, dispersed recreation activities, archaeological and historical interests, or nationally or regionally recognized wild horse and burro interest groups. (there are no Wild Horses and Burros in Alaska) Category III includes state, county, or locally elected office-holders, employee of a State agency responsible for the management of natural resources, Indian Tribes within or adjacent to the area for which the RAC is organized, are employed as academicians in natural resource management or the natural sciences, or represent the public-at-large.

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

The frequency of meetings and their relevance depends on funding and the importance of emerging resource issues. Normally BLM-Alaska holds at least two to three meetings each fiscal year.

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

It is beneficial that BLM Alaska receive outside counsel from private citizens on its programs and issues. The RAC's diverse membership comes from Native villages and remote towns, urban population centers such as Anchorage and Fairbanks, and from a number of points in between. The group meets periodically to review and analyze issues and offer sound feedback so the BLM can make decisions for what is best for the resources and the American people.

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

All meetings are open to the public.

21. Remarks

The RAC did not meet in FY23.

Designated Federal Officer

Steve Cohn BLM Alaska State Director

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Arno, Rodney	01/08/2021	01/08/2024	Executive Director, Alaska Outdoor Council	Representative Member
Bruno, Jeff	01/08/2021	01/08/2024	Deputy Director, State of Alaska, Department of Natural Resources	Representative Member
Gregory, David	01/08/2021	01/08/2024	Lands Manager, Ounalashka Village Corporation	Representative Member
Hart, Lee	09/05/2023	09/05/2026	Executive Director and Founder, Alaska Outdoor Alliance	Representative Member
Itchoak, Karlin	09/05/2023	09/05/2026	Senior Regional Director, The Wilderness Society	Representative Member
James, Rachel	01/20/2023	01/20/2026	Conservation Advocate	Representative Member
Jorgensen, Bronk	06/04/2020	09/05/2026	President and CEO, Alpine Holding Inc.	Representative Member
Kenning, Erik	01/08/2021	01/08/2024	Arctic Slope Regional Corporation, Director of Land Management and Enforcement	Representative Member
Leahy, Jennifer	01/20/2023	01/20/2026	Alaska field representative for the Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership	Representative Member
Martin, Kathryn	09/05/2023	09/05/2026	Transportation or Rights-of-Way	Representative Member
Quinn-Davidson, Stephanie	09/05/2023	09/05/2026	Program Director, Alaska Venture Fund	Representative Member

Salmon, AlexAnna	09/05/2023	09/05/2026	Igiugig Native Corporation Vice President for Lands	Representative Member
Sullivan, Sean	01/08/2021	01/08/2024	Recreation Safety Avalanche Expert	Representative Member
Sundberg, Scott	01/08/2021	01/08/2024	Carpenter	Representative Member
Suvlu, Fannie	01/08/2021	01/08/2024	Mayor of the City of Utqiagvik	Representative Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 15

Narrative Description

The Alaska RAC is a vital communications link to a wide range of stakeholder groups in the State of Alaska. Cooperation from those groups is essential to maintaining the health of the land, building effective partnerships, and ensuring the responsible use and development of Alaska's natural resources, including those which support the national energy strategy. Their guidance supports other priorities of effective co-stewardship and durable decisions. The RAC members support the agency mission and strategic plan by informing their constituents about BLM plans and projects and conveying citizen concerns back to the BLM for discussion and/or action.

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

Checked if
Applies

Improvements to health or safety	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/>
Increased customer satisfaction	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Outcome Comments

The RAC members continue to be engaged in multiple land use planning efforts (National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska, Coastal Plain, Central Yukon plans), recreation access and permitting issues, and wildlife conservation issues. These members provide community outreach to various stakeholder groups throughout the planning process and during the development of guidance.

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

An in-depth analysis has not been done to determine cost savings associated with the Alaska RAC. However, the feedback and input of the RAC are of great benefit to the BLM.

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

25

Number of Recommendations Comments

The RAC made no recommendations in FY23.

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

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

Not Applicable

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

Yes ☐ No ☒ Not Applicable ☐

Agency Feedback Comments

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

Not Applicable

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



Other



Access Comments

N/A