

## 2004 Current Fiscal Year Report: Garrison Diversion Unit Federal Advisory Council

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### 1. Department or Agency

Department of the Interior

### 2. Fiscal Year

2004

### 3. Committee or Subcommittee

Garrison Diversion Unit Federal  
Advisory Council

### 3b. GSA

### Committee No.

511

### 4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

No

### 5. Current Charter

06/24/1999

### 6. Expected Renewal Date

06/24/2001

### 7. Expected Term Date

01/29/2001

### 8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

Yes

### 8b. Specific Termination Authority

P.L. 99-294

### 8c. Actual Term Date

06/24/1999

### 9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Terminate

### 10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

Yes

### 10b. Legislation Pending?

Pending

### 11. Establishment Authority

Statutory (Congress Created)

### 12. Specific Establishment Authority

P.L. 99-294

### 13. Effective Date

05/12/1986

### 14. Committee Type

Continuing

### 14c. Presidential?

No

### 15. Description of Committee

### 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

<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?**

no meetings FY2004The Committee serves in an advisory capacity. In the past, its recommendations to the managing agencies pertaining to mitigation, enhancement and other fish and wildlife programs for the Garrison Diversion Unit Project have been well received and implemented. The Garrison Diversion Unit Reformulation Act of 1986, PL 99-294, directs the Secretary of the Interior to acquire up to 5,000 acres in the Kraft Slough and Pickell Slough areas, because of their unique wildlife values, and to manage those acres as a part of the National Wildlife Refuge System. During this reporting period, the managing agencies continue to pursue opportunities for the land acquisition.

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

Membership of the Council is balanced in accordance with requirements of the Charter. The legislation that established the Council, requires that the Incumbents of the following four positions, serve on the Council: (1) Regional Director, FWS; (2) Regional Director, Bureau of Reclamation; (3) Director of the North Dakota Game and Fish Department; (4) Commissioner, North Dakota Department of Agriculture. Additionally, three members from within the State of North Dakota and three members from outside the State of North Dakota serve on the Council.

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

The Council is scheduled to meet twice yearly or more frequently at the call of the Chairperson. Controversy pertaining to the project, prior to the passage of the 1986, Garrison Diversion Unit Reformulation Act, was so extensive that it severely impacted most Fish and Wildlife Service programs in North Dakota. The Council did not meet during FY 04, while awaiting appointment/reappointment of members and renewal of the Charter. It is anticipated that there will be no meetings in FY 05.

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

This committee is needed to provide oversight for the Garrison Diversion Unit's mitigation, enhancement and other fish and wildlife programs associated with the project. Prior to the passage of the Garrison Diversion Unit Reformulation Act of 1986, that established the Council, there was significant, controversy in the State associated with wetland, waterfowl and mitigation issues. A lot of

progress has been made regarding these issues. The Council has been effective by studying the issues, making recommendations to the managing agencies and, to date, there has been no necessity for elevating needed changes to the Secretary of the Interior and Governor of North Dakota for resolution.

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

Not Applicable - all meetings are open to the public

**21. Remarks**

Terms for members have expired. Nominations for members have not been received from outside entities. In coordination with partners on the Council (Bureau of Reclamation, North Dakota Department of Agriculture, and North Dakota Game and Fish, it is recommended that the Council be terminated.

**Designated Federal Officer**

Ralph Morgenweck Regional Director, FWS,  
Region 6

**Narrative Description**

The Committee supports mitigation, enhancement, and other fish and wildlife service programs relative to water diversion activities by the Garrison Diversion Unit. Partnerships with the Bureau of Reclamation and North Dakota Fish and Game have been strengthened by this committee by providing a forum to resolve conflicts, develop common objectives, and work together to meet those objectives.

**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 type="checkbox"/>
Major policy changes	<input 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 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

The Committee did not meet in FY 2004, pending reauthorization of the charter and nomination of new members, so no cost savings were associated with this committee during that time period.

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

0

### Number of Recommendations Comments

The Committee did not meet in FY 2004.

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

0%

**% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments**

The Committee did not meet in FY 2004.

**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**

The Committee did not meet in FY 2004.

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

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

**Agency Feedback Comments**

NA

**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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**Action Comments**

The last time the committee met was in 1999. The meeting was informational, and there was agreement by the committee members to continue with projects to mitigate and enhance fish and wildlife resources relative to Garrison Diversion Unit activities. Agencies continue to carry out these activities. The Audubon (refuge) mitigation project is scheduled for completion in FY 06, the Arrowwood mitigation project is scheduled for

completion in FY 07, and mitigation for State Wildlife Areas is complete with the purchase of the last tract to mitigate habitat losses that occurred at Audubon State Wildlife Management Area.

**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 type="checkbox"/>
Online Agency Web Site	<input type="checkbox"/>
Online Committee Web Site	<input type="checkbox"/>
Online GSA FACA Web Site	<input type="checkbox"/>
Publications	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Access Comments**

NA