

Outer Continental Shelf Policy Committee

Charter

1. **Official Designation:** Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Policy Committee (the Committee).
2. **Scope and Objectives:** The Committee will provide advice to the Secretary of the Interior (Secretary), through the Director of the Minerals Management Service (MMS), related to discretionary functions of the MMS under the OCS Lands Act and related statutes. The Committee will review and comment on all aspects of leasing, exploration, development, and protection of OCS resources and provide a forum to convey views representative of coastal states, local government, offshore industries, environmental communities, other users of the offshore, and the interested public.
3. **Description of Duties:** The duties of the Committee are solely advisory and are stated in Scope and Objectives above.
4. **Duration:** The Committee's charter may be renewed in 2-year increments by the Secretary as long as the Offshore Minerals Management Program of the MMS requires the expertise and advice of the Committee.
5. **Agency or Official to Whom the Committee Reports:** The Committee will report to the Secretary through the Director of the MMS.
6. **Bureau Responsible for Providing Necessary Support:** The MMS.
7. **Estimated Annual Operating Costs:** The annual operating costs associated with supporting the Committee's functions, including all direct and indirect expenses, are estimated to be \$75,000 plus the support of 1.5 full-time employees.
8. **Allowances for Committee Members (compensation, travel, per diem, etc.):** Members of the Committee serve without compensation. However, while away from their homes or regular places of business, Committee, subcommittee, or workgroup members engaged in Committee, subcommittee, or workgroup business approved by the Designated Federal Officer (DFO) may be allowed travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, in the same manner as persons employed intermittently in Federal Government service under Section 5703 of Title 5 of the United States Code (U.S.C.).
9. **Estimated Number and Frequency of Meetings:** The Committee will meet at the request of the Director of the MMS, but not less than once annually.
10. **Termination Date:** The Committee is subject to biennial review and will terminate 2 years from the date the charter is filed, unless renewed prior to that date. The charter is renewed in compliance with section 14(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA). The Committee is subject to the provisions of the FACA, 5 U.S.C. Appendix 2, and shall take no action unless in compliance with the charter filing requirements of section 9 of FACA.

11. **Committee Membership:** The Secretary will appoint non-Federal members and their alternates to the Committee to serve a 3-year term. Non-Federal members may not serve more than two consecutive terms. However, after a 2-year break in service, any such member will again be eligible for appointment. The DFO may recommend that the Secretary revoke the appointment of the member and the alternate if the appointed member or alternate fails to attend two consecutive meetings. All members serve at the discretion of the Secretary.

Non-Federal Members: To ensure fair and balanced representation, the Secretary may appoint:

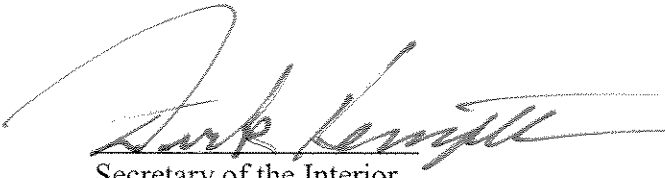
- One member from each state having Federal offshore oil and gas leases, representing the interests of the state.
- Four members from among coastal states that have an interest in offshore sand or other mineral resources or alternate energy related uses on the OCS, to represent those interests. Nominations for these four appointments will be provided for recommendation by the Chair and Vice Chair.
- Up to seven members to represent the following constituencies: environmental community, major oil industry, independent producers, natural gas industry, offshore industries, and the marine mining industry.
- Two members representing local government. The local government representatives must be from different states.
- Two members representing energy consumers.

Non-Federal Ex Officio Members: All other coastal state governors whose states are not represented in a non-Federal member voting position on the Committee may serve as ex officio nonvoting members of the Committee and will be responsible for their own expenses. The governors may serve in this official capacity or designate a member and alternate to participate in their stead in Committee deliberations.

Federal Members: The following officials, or their designees, are nonvoting, ex officio members of the Committee:

- Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management
- Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks
- Director, Minerals Management Service
- Secretary, Department of Commerce
- Secretary, Department of Defense
- Secretary, Department of Energy
- Secretary, Department of State
- Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency
- Commandant, United States Coast Guard

12. **Ethics Responsibility**: No Committee or subcommittee member shall participate in a specific party matter including a lease, license, permit, contract, claim, agreement, or related litigation with the Department of the Interior in which the member has a direct financial interest.
13. **Designated Federal Officer**: Associate Director for Offshore Minerals Management.
14. **Subgroups**: The MMS may establish subcommittees or workgroups as it deems necessary, upon recommendation of the Committee or its Chair, for the purposes of compiling information or conducting research. However, such subcommittees or workgroups must act only under the direction of the Committee and must report their recommendations to the full Committee for consideration. The Committee Chair, with the approval of the DFO, will appoint subcommittee or workgroup members. Subcommittees or workgroups will meet as necessary to accomplish assignments, subject to the approval of the DFO and the availability of resources.
15. **Authority**: This Committee is in the public interest in connection with the responsibilities of the Department under the OCS Lands Act, as amended (43 U.S.C. 1331 *et. seq.*), and as provided in Section 9 (a)(2) of the FACA.



Secretary of the Interior

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Date Signed

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