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1. Department or Agency

Department of Commerce

2. Fiscal Year

2006

3. Committee or SubCommittee

3b. GSA Committee No.

Sea Grant Review Panel**100**

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

No

5. Current Charter

8/4/2006

6. Expected Renewal Date

8/4/2008

7. Expected Term Date

8a. Was Terminated During FY?

No

8b. Specific Termination Authority

8c. Actual Termination Date

9. Agency Recommendation for Next FY

Continue

10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

10b. Legislation Pending?

11. Establishment Authority

Statutory(Congress Created)

12. Specific Establishment Authority

33 U.S.C. 1121 et.seq. P.L. 94-461

13. Effective Date

10/8/1976

14. Committee Type

Continuing

14c. Presidential?

No

15. Description of Committee

**Scientific Technical Program
Advisory Board**

16a. Total Number of Reports

7

16b. Report Titles and Dates

Program Assessment Team Report: Maryland Sea Grant College Program	11/8/2005
Program Assessment Team Report: Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution Sea Grant Program	11/10/2005
Review and Recommendations: Sea Grant Program Evaluation Process, Report of the Sea Grant Review Panel's Program Evaluation Committee	11/17/2005
Program Assessment Team Report: New York Sea Grant College Program	11/18/2005
National Ports and Harbors Extension Program Report	1/20/2006
Program Assessment Team Report: Maine Sea Grant College Program	6/21/2006
Program Assessment Team Report: Puerto Rico Sea Grant College Program	9/20/2006

17a Open:

317b. Closed: **0**17c. Partially Closed: **0**17d. Total Meetings **3**

Meeting Purposes and Dates

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11/15/2005 11/16/2005

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A specially called meeting of the Sea Grant Review Panel, this conference call meeting focused on the response of the National Sea Grant Program to the 8/29/2006 8/29/2006 recently released NRC Report "Evaluation of the Sea Grant Program Review Process."

	Current Fiscal Year	Next Fiscal Year
18a(1) Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$130,322	\$155,000
18a(2) Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$0	\$0
18a(3) Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$16,722	\$39,000
18a(4) Personnel Pmts to Non-member Consultants	\$0	\$0
18b(1) Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$82,231	\$99,000
18b(2) Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	\$0	\$0
18b(3) Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$0	\$0
18b(4) Travel and Per Diem to Non-Member Consultants	\$0	\$0
18c. Other (rents, user charges, graphics, printing, mail etc.)	\$24,536	\$10,000
18d Total	\$253,811	\$303,000
19. Federal Staff Support Years	0.2	0.5

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

The Sea Grant Review Panel meets twice annually to consider various reports from the Panel Executive Committee and various Panel subcommittees. In addition, the Panel requests reports from the National Sea Grant Office in NOAA and from the Sea Grant universities that participate in the program. The Panel has responsibility to advise on the performance of the Sea Grant programs and advise on the implementation of a performance review protocol. In fiscal year 2006, Panel representatives will conduct program evaluations of six Sea Grant programs (Maine, Wisconsin, Puerto Rico, Alaska, Louisiana and New Hampshire) and will prepare for an additional two evaluations (of Delaware and Connecticut) that will occur early in fiscal year 2007. The panel will provide written reports to the Director of the National Sea Grant College Program. All reports contain a critical evaluation of performance and a set of recommendations for improving the program. Universities are invited to respond to these recommendations and report progress in meeting the recommendations over the duration of the four-year review cycle. The Panel's Executive Committee participated in several Sea Grant Leadership meetings, which included Sea Grant Office staff and members of the Sea Grant Association (represents the Sea Grant universities). The Panel continues to provide advice for planning and for setting priorities for the Sea Grant Program. Specifically, in FY06 Panel members served on panels that addressed issues of Ports and Harbors, Coastal Communities and Economies, and the Sea Grant Law Center.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

The current membership is balanced to meet the legislative requirement that, "Not less than 8 of the voting members of the panel shall be individuals who, by reason of knowledge, experience, or training, are especially qualified in one or more of the disciplines and fields included in marine science. The other voting members shall be individuals who, by reason of knowledge, experience, or training, are especially qualified in, or representative of, education, marine affairs and resource management, extension services, State government, industry, economics, planning, or any other activity which is appropriate to, and important for, any effort to enhance the understanding, assessment, development, utilization, or conservation of ocean, coastal, and Great Lakes resources."

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

Two meetings of the full Sea Grant Review Panel were held (November 2005 and March 2006). The Panel focused on the following issues: the National Academies' Ocean Studies Board study on Evaluation of the Sea Grant Program Review Process; developing a Sea Grant strategy for implementing recommendations of the U.S. Commission on Ocean Policy and the U.S. Ocean Action Plan; further development of an international Sea Grant program; Sea Grant grants and fellowships; principles and process for determining Sea Grant programmatic priorities; Sea Grant/NOAA matrix management partnerships; regional research in NOAA; and implementation of the NOAA Sea Grant FY2003-2008 Strategic Plan. All meetings are relevant to the Sea Grant Review Panel's legislatively mandated responsibilities to provide advice to the Secretary of Commerce, the Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere, and the Director of the National Sea Grant College Program on the performance, planning, and operation of the Sea Grant program.

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

By legislation, the Sea Grant Review Panel is required to advise the Secretary of Commerce and the Director of the NOAA National Sea Grant College Program concerning (1) applications or proposals for, and performance under, grants and contracts awarded, (2) the sea grant fellowship program; (3) the designation and operation of sea grant colleges and sea grant institutes, and the operation of sea grant programs; (4) the formulation and application of the planning guidelines and priorities; and (5) such other matters as the Secretary refers to the panel for review and advice. The National Sea Grant College Program is a complex program involving more than 300 universities that participate through 30 university-based Sea Grant programs located in all coastal and Great Lakes states. As can be seen, the Sea Grant legislation provides a strong role for an independent advisory body composed of experts in marine-related fields. The reason is the mandate given to Sea Grant, namely to develop the commitment and involvement of universities to achieve -- through research, education, and outreach -- greater understanding, assessment, development, utilization, and conservation of the nation's ocean, coastal, and Great Lakes resources. The 15 dedicated members of the Sea Grant Review Panel provide valued advice on these issues to NOAA and the Department that is critically needed to achieve the mandate and oversee the development of the Sea Grant program. There is no other existing group sufficiently knowledgeable about Sea Grant's mission that could provide, over the long term, the balance and breadth of expert advice that is vitally important to a multifaceted, scientific-based program.

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

N/A

21. Remarks

NOTE on Committee Membership - Per statute, a voting member may serve after the date of the expiration of the term of office for which appointed until his or her successor has taken office.

Designated Federal Official: **Dr. Leon M. Cammen Director, National Sea Grant College Program**

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Alden , Ms. Louise P.	8/13/2000	8/13/2008	Fishery Consultant	Special Government Employee (SGE)
Bell , Dr. Peter M.	7/8/1998	9/30/2006	Retired, Vice President & Chief Scientist, Norton Co. & St. Gobian Corporation	Special Government Employee (SGE)
Byrne , Dr. John V.	4/18/2006	4/18/2010	President Emeritus, Oregon State University	Special Government Employee (SGE)
Duce , Dr. Robert A.	8/13/2000	8/13/2008	Professor of Oceanography, Texas A&M University	Special Government Employee (SGE)
Friday Jr., Dr. Elbert W. (Joe)	11/4/2002	4/4/2006	PhD	Special Government Employee (SGE)
Heath , Dr. G. Ross	10/9/2001	10/9/2009	Dean Emeritus and Professor of Oceanography, School of Oceanography, University of Washington	Special Government Employee (SGE)

Hernandez-Avila , Dr. Manuel L.	10/9/2001 10/9/2009	Director, Research & Development Ctr (ret.), University of Puerto Rico	Special Government Employee (SGE)
Knatz , Dr. Geraldine	3/11/1994 9/30/2006	Executive Director, Port of Los Angeles	Special Government Employee (SGE)
Kudrna Jr., Dr. Frank Louis	4/26/1993 9/30/2006	Civil Engineering Consultant	Special Government Employee (SGE)
Raleigh , Dr. C. Barry	4/18/2006 5/4/2006	Researcher, School of Ocean and Earth Science and Technology, University of Hawaii	Special Government Employee (SGE)
Robinson , Mr. Nathaniel E.	8/13/2000 8/13/2008	Consultant	Special Government Employee (SGE)
Schubel , Dr. Jerry R.	10/9/2001 10/9/2009	President and Chief Executive Officer, Aquarium of the Pacific , Long Beach, CA	Special Government Employee (SGE)
Stephan , Mr. Jeffrey R.	4/26/1993 9/30/2006	Manager, United Fishermen's Marketing Association, Kodiak, AK	Special Government Employee (SGE)
Stubblefield , Dr. William L.	3/6/2006 3/6/2010	Rear Admiral, NOAA (Ret.)	Special Government Employee (SGE)
Weis , Dr. Judith S.	7/8/1998 9/30/2006	Professor, Department of Biological Sciences, Rutgers University	Special Government Employee (SGE)
Woeste , Dr. John T.	11/4/2002 11/4/2010	Professor Emeritus, University of Florida	Special Government Employee (SGE)

Total Count of Committee Members

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