

Federal Boat Executive Committee (FBEC) Charter

1. Official designation

The name of this Interagency executive committee is the Federal Boat Executive Committee (FBEC).

2. Functions

Federal agencies use vessels, boats, and other waterborne craft (collectively hereafter referred to as “boats”) to accomplish a wide variety of missions. As stewards of these taxpayer-provided resources, it is imperative that agencies manage their marine resources as effectively and efficiently as any other asset at their disposal. Thus, this executive committee provides a forum for agencies to: share information; discuss shared concerns; and collaboratively discover solutions to common problems. Toward these ends, the committee’s functions consist of, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Facilitating agency collaboration on management and operational issues or challenges common to all Federal, non-Defense Department boats;
2. Facilitating the establishment of common data standards and electronic systems to monitor boat costs and operations;
3. Facilitating the review and development of policies, projects, or programs among federal agencies that promote the economical, safe, and cost efficient operation of all boats that are owned, leased, or operated by the Government;
4. Establishing subcommittees, task forces or other bodies as needed; and
5. Developing and implementing policies, projects, and programs that include, but are not limited to:
 - 1) Analyzing existing and proposed regulations, laws, executive orders, and international agreements with a view toward simplification and enhancement of existing guidelines or the creation of new guidelines, as required;
 - 2) Recommending new policies, regulations, or legislation, as required;
 - 3) Determining optimum methods for achieving agencies’ mission requirements, including, but not limited to analysis of: the types and numbers of boats needed; acquisition methods; privately-owned boat usage; training methods; contractor owned/operated boat usage; and performance metrics;
 - 4) Developing boat safety and environmental programs; and
 - 5) Fostering collaboration among agencies, original equipment manufacturers, the private sector and other governmental entities regarding boat management and operational issues.

3. Membership and Governance

The U.S. General Services Administration's (GSA) Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Travel, Transportation, and Asset Management, Office of Governmentwide Policy, or his/her designated representative serves as the chairperson of this executive committee. A vice-chairperson may be elected by the executive committee membership.

Committee membership is open to any federal government department or agency operating boats to accomplish its mission. Each participating department or agency is represented by one voting member (who votes on committee business) and one alternate member (who can only vote on committee business in the absence of the voting member). Department or agency representatives are senior officials who are knowledgeable, responsible, and accountable for the overall marine activities within their department or agency. They have the authority to speak for their department or agency and to commit funding and staffing in support of committee initiatives.

The Chairperson may appoint additional participants, advisors, or facilitators, as required, to accomplish committee business. Tenure of such individuals is concurrent with resolution of the committee business in question.

4. Changes or Amendments

Any changes or amendments to this charter shall be approved by the committee's voting membership. Changes or amendments become effective immediately after such approval is obtained.

5. Meetings

Committee meetings will be scheduled on a quarterly basis or more frequently as needed. The chairperson or a designated representative will be responsible for the content and direction of these meetings.

6. Support services

The GSA Office of Travel, Transportation and Asset Management, Office of Governmentwide Policy, provides support for this executive committee.

7. Founding Members

The Founding Members of the Federal Boat Executive Committee are:

Department of Agriculture; and Agricultural Research Service

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

Forest Service

Department of Commerce; and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Department of Energy

Department of Homeland Security; and U.S. Coast Guard, U.S. Customs and Border Protection

Department of the Interior; and National Park Service

Department of Transportation

National Aeronautics and Space Administration

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