

At a glance

As of December 2022

Statutory authority

Minn. Stat., sec. 97A.055, subd. 4b

Committee webpage

[Game and Fish Fund citizen oversight | Minnesota DNR](https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/gamefishoversight/index.html)
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Application opportunity every year

Check webpage in late August for annual request for applications.

Quick facts

- **TERMS:** Members are appointed for two-year staggered terms.
- **MEETINGS:** Meetings are held in the evening during January to May. The FOC and WOC meet on first and third Thursdays. The BOC meets on 4th Thursdays.
- **LOCATION:** When in-person meetings are possible, they are hosted in the DNR Central Office with Webex access for those who cannot travel. Virtual meetings are hosted by the DNR on Webex.
- More details on [oversight webpage](https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/gamefishoversight/index.html)

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Game and Fish Fund Citizen Oversight Committees

***Purpose:** Make annual reports to the DNR commissioner and the legislature recommending improvements in the management and use of money in the Game and Fish Fund*

About these committees

Citizen committees conduct annual budgetary oversight of Minnesota's Game and Fish Fund, the most important fund for delivering fisheries and wildlife management as well as natural resource law enforcement by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR). These committees write an annual report about how DNR should spend funds from the Game and Fish Fund.



Members work together on review and drafting a report [available online](#)

The **Fisheries Oversight Committee (FOC)** reviews fisheries funding and expenditures, including activities related to trout and salmon stamps and walleye stamps.

The **Wildlife Oversight Committee (WOC)** reviews wildlife funding and expenditures, including activities related to migratory waterfowl, pheasant, and wild turkey management and deer and big game management.

Members work together on reviewing the DNR's annual Game and Fish Fund Report on how the DNR has spent money from the Game and Fish Fund. Each committee reviews the report in detail, requests additional information as needed, discusses questions and any issues of concern, and drafts a report on their findings. An umbrella **Budgetary Oversight Committee (BOC)** addresses matters of common concern and merges the FOC and WOC reports into a final joint oversight report. The report is delivered to the DNR commissioner and legislative committees with jurisdiction over natural resources financing and policy.

Minnesotans' opportunity to serve

The DNR looks for new members every year and want the committees to reflect Minnesota's population. Are you interested in good stewardship of budgeted funds and how agency operations are funded through licenses and related monies? Do you purchase hunting or fishing licenses or a critical habitat license plate and wonder how the money is spent? If so, this is an opportunity to play an active oversight role. To be eligible, an applicant must meet both of these requirements:

- Be a Minnesota resident; and
- Purchased a personal or commercial Minnesota license for hunting, fishing, or trapping since January the previous year, or licensed their vehicle with an active critical habitat license plate.