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Form 990-EZ

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

Short Form

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code  
(except black lung benefit trust or private foundation)

Sponsoring organizations and controlling organizations as defined in section 512(b)(13) must file Form 990 All other organizations with gross receipts less than \$1,000,000 and total assets less than \$2,500,000 at the end of the year may use this form

The organization may have to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements.

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2008

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A For the 2008 calendar year, or tax year beginning 08-01-2008, and ending 07-31-2009

B Check if applicable

Address change

Name change

Initial return

Termination

Amended return

Application pending

Please use IRS label or print or type. See Specific Instructions.

C Name of organization

NATIONAL ESTUARINE RESEARCH RESERVE ASSOCIATION

Number and street (or P O box, if mail is not delivered to street address)

Room/suite

444 N CAPITOL ST NW STE 322

City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4

WASHINGTON, DC 20001

D Employer identification number

22-3004888

E Telephone number

(202) 508-3836

F Group Exemption Number

Section 501(c)(3) organizations and 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must attach a completed Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ).

G Accounting method

Cash

Accrual

Other (specify)

I Website: www nerra org

H Check if the organization is not required to attach Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF)

J Organization type (check only one) 501(c) (3) (insert no ) 4947(a)(1) or 527

K Check if the organization is not a section 509(a)(3) supporting organization and its gross receipts are normally not more than \$25,000 A return is not required, but if the organization chooses to file a return, be sure to file a complete return

L Add lines 5b, 6b, and 7b, to line 9 to determine gross receipts, if \$1,000,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ \$ 618,693

Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances (See the instructions for Part I )									
Revenue	1	Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received . . . . .						1	398
	2	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts . . . . .						2	572,396
	3	Membership dues and assessments . . . . .						3	34,921
	4	Investment income . . . . .						4	1,150
	5a	Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory . . . . .				5a	0	5c	0
	b	Less cost or other basis and sales expenses . . . . .				5b	0		
	c	Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a) (attach schedule)							
	6	Special events and activities (complete applicable parts of Schedule G) If any amount is from gaming, check here						6c	9,828
	a	Gross revenue (not including \$ 0 of contributions reported on line 1) . . . . .				6a	9,828		
	b	Less direct expenses other than fundraising expenses . . . . .				6b	0		
Expenses	c	Net income or (loss) from special events and activities (Subtract line 6b from line 6a) . . . . .						6c	
	7a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances . . . . .				7a	0	7c	0
	b	Less cost of goods sold . . . . .				7b	0		
	c	Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a) . . . . .							
	8	Other revenue (describe )						8	0
	9	Total revenue (add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6c, 7c, and 8) . . . . .						9	618,693
	10	Grants and similar amounts paid (attach schedule) . . . . .						10	0
	11	Benefits paid to or for members . . . . .						11	0
	12	Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits . . . . .						12	56,724
	13	Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors . . . . .						13	411,953
Net Assets	14	Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance . . . . .						14	12,605
	15	Printing, publications, postage, and shipping . . . . .						15	1,461
	16	Other expenses (describe )						16	67,276
	17	Total expenses (add lines 10 through 16) . . . . .						17	550,019
	18	Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9) . . . . .						18	68,674
	19	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 27, column (A)) (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return) . . . . .						19	232,200
	20	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (attach explanation) . . . . .						20	0
	21	Net assets or fund balances at end of year (combine lines 18 through 20) . . . . .						21	300,874

Part II Balance Sheets—If Total assets on line 25, column (B) are \$2,500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ

(See the instructions for Part II )

(A) Beginning of year

(B) End of year

22 Cash, savings, and investments . . . . .

118,763

22

245,435

23 Land and buildings . . . . .

0

23

0

24 Other assets (describe )

700,806

24

166,988

25 Total assets . . . . .

819,569

25

412,423

26 Total liabilities (describe )

587,369

26

111,549

27 Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21) .

232,200

27

300,874


















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<b>Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments</b> (See the instructions for Part III )		<b>Expenses</b> (Required for 501(c)(3) and (4) organizations and 4947(a)(1) trusts, optional for others )	
What is the organization's primary exempt purpose? To inspire the protection of our nation's estuaries and to promote conservation-based research, education, and stewardship through the National Estuarine Research Reserve System (NERRS)			
Describe what was achieved in carrying out the organization's exempt purposes. In a clear and concise manner, describe the services provided, the number of persons benefited, or other relevant information for each program title			
<b>28</b> Conducted review of NERRS Coastal Training Program and published final report. Published clips from EstuaryLive to a website for public dissemination. Facilitated completion of a workshop on "Planning for Climate Change." Created the NERRA Friends and Foundations Network to support development of local non-profit organizations, and hosted meetings for the network at the 2008 NERRS/NERRA Annual Meeting. (Grants \$ 0) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>		<b>28a</b>	339,960
<b>29</b> Watershed Conservation. Integrated Ocean Observing Systems. Provided oversight and coordination and purchased equipment to integrate the National Estuarine Research Reserve System's (NERRS) System-Wide Monitoring Program (SWMP) into the national Integrated Ocean Observing System (IOOS). (Grants \$ 0) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>		<b>29a</b>	126,594
<b>30</b> Facilitated the production of the NERRS/NERRA Annual Meetings in 2008 and 2009. These meetings attracted over 150 participants to develop new programs, facilitate information exchange, and improve the performance of the National Estuarine Research Reserve System's federal-state partnership. (Grants \$ 0) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>		<b>30a</b>	18,742
<b>31</b> Other program services (attach schedule). (Grants \$ ) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>		<b>31a</b>	
<b>32 Total program service expenses</b> (add lines 28a through 31a) <input type="checkbox"/>		<b>32</b>	485,296

<b>Part IV List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees.</b> List each one even if not compensated. (See the instructions for Part IV.)				
(a) Name and address	(b) Title and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation (If not paid, enter -0-.)	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans & deferred compensation	(e) Expense account and other allowances
See Additional Data Table				

Part V Other Information (Note the statement requirements in the instructions for Part VI.)		Yes	No		
33	Did the organization engage in any activity not previously reported to the IRS? If "Yes," attach a detailed description of each activity . . . . .	33	No		
34	Were any changes made to the organizing or governing documents but not reported to the IRS? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the changes . . . . .	34	No		
35	If the organization had income from business activities, such as those reported on lines 2, 6a, and 7a (among others), but <b>not</b> reported on Form 990-T, attach a statement explaining your reason for not reporting the income on Form 990-T				
a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more or 6033(e) notice, reporting, and proxy tax requirements? 	35a	No		
b	If "Yes," has it filed a tax return on <b>Form 990-T</b> for this year? . . . . .	35b			
36	Was there a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or substantial contraction during the year? If "Yes," complete applicable parts of Schedule N . . . . .	36	No		
37a	Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions  <table><tr><td>37a</td><td>0</td></tr></table>	37a	0		
37a	0				
b	Did the organization file <b>Form 1120-POL</b> for this year? . . . . .	37b	No		
38a	Did the organization borrow from, or make any loans to, any officer, director, trustee, or key employee <b>or</b> were any such loans made in a prior year and still unpaid at the start of the period covered by this return? . . . . .	38a	No		
b	If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved . . . . .	38b			
39	501(c)(7) organizations. Enter				
a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9 . . . . .	39a			
b	Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities . . . . .	39b			
40a	Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under section 4911  0, section 4912  0, section 4955  0				
b	Section 501(c)(3) and (4) organizations. Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year or did it become aware of an excess benefit transaction from a prior year? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I. . . . .	40b	No		
c	Enter amount of tax imposed on organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958  0				
d	Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization  0				
e	All organizations. At any time during the tax year, was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? . . . . .	40e	No		
41	List the states with which a copy of this return is filed  _____				
42a	The books are in care of  Scott Rocray Telephone no  (207) 985-5903 64 Old Falls Rd Located at  Kennebunk, ME ZIP + 4  04043				
b	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country  _____ See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for <b>Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts</b> .	42b	No		
c	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside of the U S ? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country  _____	42c	No		
43	Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of <b>Form 1041</b> —Check here   and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year . . . . .  <table><tr><td>43</td></tr></table>	43			
43					
44	Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds? If "Yes", Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ.	44	No		
45	Is any related organization a controlled entity of the organization within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes", Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ.	45	No		

Part VI

Section 501(c)(3) organizations only. All section 501(c)(3) organizations must answer questions 46-49 and complete the tables for lines 50 and 51.

46	Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I	Yes	No
47	Did the organization engage in lobbying activities? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II	Yes	
48	Is the organization operating a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "yes," complete Schedule E		No
49a	Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization?		No
b	If "Yes," was the related organization(s) a section 527 organization?		
50	Complete this table for the five highest compensated employees (other than officers, directors, trustees, and key employees) who received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there are none, enter "None."		

(a) Name and address of each employee paid more than \$100,000	(b) Title and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans & deferred compensation	(e) Expense account and other allowances
NONE				
Total number of other employees paid over \$100,000				

51	Complete this table for the five highest compensated independent contractors who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there are none, enter "None."				
(a)	Name and address of each independent contractor paid more than \$100,000	(b)	Type of service	(c)	Compensation
	NONE				
	Total number of other independent contractors receiving over \$100,000				

Please Sign Here	Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.				
	Signature of officer		2010-01-21 Date		
Paid Preparer's Use Only	Preparer's signature		Date	Check if self-employed	Preparer's PTIN (See Gen. Inst. X)
	Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4		EIN	Phone no.	
	Scott G Rocray CPA 64 Old Falls Rd Kennebunk, ME 04043			(207) 985-5903	
May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions.					

SCHEDULE A

(Form 990 or 990EZ)

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

Public Charity Status and Public Support

To be completed by all section 501(c)(3) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts.  
Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. See separate instructions.

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Name of the organization NATIONAL ESTUARINE RESEARCH RESERVE ASSOCIATION	Employer identification number 22-3004888
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Part I Reason for Public Charity Status (to be completed by all organizations) (See Instructions)

The organization is not a private foundation because it is (Please check only **one** organization )

1	<input type="checkbox"/>	A church, convention of churches, or association of churches described in <b>Section 170(b)(1)(A)(i).</b>
2	<input type="checkbox"/>	A school described in <b>Section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii).</b> (Attach Schedule E )
3	<input type="checkbox"/>	A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in <b>Section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).</b> (Attach Schedule H )
4	<input type="checkbox"/>	A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital described in <b>Section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).</b> Enter the hospital's name, city, and state
5	<input type="checkbox"/>	An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit described in <b>Section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv).</b> (Complete Part II )
6	<input type="checkbox"/>	A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in <b>Section 170(b)(1)(A)(v).</b>
7	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public described in <b>Section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)</b> (Complete Part II )
8	<input type="checkbox"/>	A community trust described in <b>Section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)</b> (Complete Part II )
9	<input type="checkbox"/>	An organization that normally receives (1) more than 33 1/3% of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions—subject to certain exceptions, and (2) no more than 33 1/3% of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975 See <b>Section 509(a)(2).</b> (Complete Part III )
10	<input type="checkbox"/>	An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety See <b>Section 509(a)(4).</b> (See instructions )
11	<input type="checkbox"/>	An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or to carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2) See <b>Section 509(a)(3).</b> Check the box that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 11e through 11h a <input type="checkbox"/> Type I      b <input type="checkbox"/> Type II      c <input type="checkbox"/> Type III - Functionally Integrated      d <input type="checkbox"/> Type III - Other
e	<input type="checkbox"/>	By checking this box, I certify that the organization is not controlled directly or indirectly by one or more disqualified persons other than foundation managers and other than one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2)
f	<input type="checkbox"/>	If the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II or Type III supporting organization, check this box
g	<input type="checkbox"/>	Since August 17, 2006, has the organization accepted any gift or contribution from any of the following persons? (i) a person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described in (ii) and (iii) below, the governing body of the the supported organization? (ii) a family member of a person described in (i) above? (iii) a 35% controlled entity of a person described in (i) or (ii) above?
h	<input type="checkbox"/>	Provide the following information about the organizations the organization supports

	Yes	No
11g(i)		
11g(ii)		
11g(iii)		

(i) Name of Supported Organization	(ii) EIN	(iii) Type of organization (described on lines 1- 9 above or IRC section (See Instructions))	(iv) Is the organization in col (i) listed in your governing document?		(v) Did you notify the organization in col (i) of your support?		(vi) Is the organization in col (i) organized in the U S ?		(vii) Amount of support?
			Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	
Total									

Part II

Support Schedule for Organizations Described in IRC 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)  
(Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, or 8 of Part I.)

Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2004	(b) 2005	(c) 2006	(d) 2007	(e) 2008	(f) Total
<b>1</b> Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any "unusual grants ")	260,810	488,535	564,944	400,944	522,444	2,237,677
<b>2</b> Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>3</b> The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>4 Total.</b> Add line 1-3	260,810	488,535	564,944	400,944	522,444	2,237,677
<b>5</b> The portion of total contribution by each person (other than a government unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceed 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f)						
<b>6 Public Support</b> subtract line 5 from line 4						2,237,677

Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2004	(b) 2005	(c) 2006	(d) 2007	(e) 2008	(f) Total
<b>7</b> Amounts from line 4	260,810	562	564,944	400,944	522,444	2,237,677
<b>8</b> Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	642	562	387	565	1,150	3,306
<b>9</b> Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>10</b> Other income Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV )	0	0	0	18,425	9,828	28,253
<b>11 Total Support</b> (Add lines 7 through 10)						2,269,236
<b>12</b> Gross receipts from related activities, etc (See instructions )					<b>12</b>	
<b>13 First Five Years.</b> If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and <b>stop here</b>						<input type="checkbox"/>

Computation of Public Support Percentage

<b>14</b> Public Support Percentage for 2008 (line 6 column (f) divided by line 11 column (f))	<b>14</b>	<b>98.609 %</b>
<b>15</b> Public Support Percentage for 2007 Schedule A, Part IV-A, line 26f	<b>15</b>	<b>98.2 %</b>
<b>16a 33 1/3% Test - 2008.</b> If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and <b>stop here.</b> The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<b>b 33 1/3% Test - 2007.</b> If the organization did not check the box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and <b>stop here.</b> The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>17a 10% Facts and Circumstances Test - 2008.</b> If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts and circumstances" test, check this box and <b>stop here.</b> Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the "facts and circumstances" test The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>b 10% Facts and Circumstances Test - 2007.</b> If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts and circumstances" test, check this box and <b>stop here.</b> Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the "facts and circumstances" test The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>18 Private Foundation.</b> If the organization did not check the box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a or 17b, check this box and see instructions	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Part IIISupport Schedule for Organizations Described in IRC 509(a)(2)  
(Complete only if you checked the box on line 9 of Part I.)

Section A. Public Support						
Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2004	(b) 2005	(c) 2006	(d) 2007	(e) 2008	(f) Total
1Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any "unusual grants ")						
2Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose						
3Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						
4Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
5The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
6Total Add lines 1-5						
7aAmounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons						
bAmounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of 1% of the total of lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12 for the year or \$5,000						
cTotal of lines 7a and 7b						
8Public Support (Subtract line 7c from line 6)						

Total Support						
Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2004	(b) 2005	(c) 2006	(d) 2007	(e) 2008	(f) Total
9Amounts from line 6						
10aGross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
bUnrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after 30 June, 1975						
cAdd lines 10a and 10b						
11Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
12Other income Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV )						
13Total Support (Add lines 9, 10c, 11 and 12)						
14First Five Years If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here						

Computation of Public Support Percentage			
15	Public Support Percentage for 2008 (line 8 column (f) divided by line 13 column (f))	15	
16	Public Support Percentage for 2007 Schedule A, Part IV -A, line 27g	16	

Computation of Investment Income Percentage			
17	Investment Income Percentage for 2008 (line 10c column (f) divided by line 13 column (f))	17	
18	Investment Income Percentage from 2007 Schedule A, Part IV -A, line 27h	18	
19a	33 1/3% Tests - 2008. If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 17 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		
b	33 1/3% Tests - 2007. If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33 1/3% and line 18 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		
20	Private Foundation If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a or 19b, check this box and see instructions		



Part IV

**Supplemental Information.** Complete this part to provide the information required by Part II, line 10; Part II, line 17a or 17b, or Part III, line 12. Provide and any other additional information. (see instructions)

Facts and Circumstances Test
Part II, line 10, other income is auction income and other miscellaneous revenues

SCHEDULE C

(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury

Internal Revenue Service

Political Campaign and Lobbying Activities

For Organizations Exempt From Income Tax Under section 501(c) and section 527

To be completed by organizations described below. Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ

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If the organization answered “Yes,” to Form 990, Part IV, Line 3, or Form 990-EZ, Part VI, line 46 (Political Campaign Activities)

- Section 501(c)(3) organizations complete Parts I-A and B Do not complete Part I-C
- Section 501(c) (other than section 501(c)(3)) organizations complete Parts I-A and C below Do not complete Part I-B
- Section 527 organizations complete Part I-A only

If the organization answered “Yes,” to Form 990, Part IV, Line 4, or Form 990-EZ, Part VI, line 47 (Lobbying Activities)

- Section 501(c)(3) organizations that have filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)) complete Part II-A Do not complete Part II-B
- Section 501(c)(3) organizations that have NOT filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)) Complete Part II-B Do not complete Part II-A

If the organization answered “Yes,” to Form 990, Part IV, Line 5 (Proxy Tax)

- Section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) organizations complete Part III

Name of the organization NATIONAL ESTUARINE RESEARCH RESERVE ASSOCIATION	Employer identification number 22-3004888
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Part I-A To be completed by all organizations exempt under section 501(c) and section 527 organizations. (See the instructions for Schedule C for details.)

1	Provide a description of the organization's direct and indirect political campaign activities in Part IV	
2	Political expenditures	\$
3	Volunteer hours	

Part I-B To be completed by all organizations exempt under section 501(c)(3). (See the instructions for Schedule C for details.)

1	Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by the organization under section 4955	\$
2	Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by organization managers under section 4955	\$
3	If the organization incurred in a section 4955 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
4a	Was a correction made?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
b	If "Yes," describe in Part IV	

Part I-C To be completed by all organizations exempt under section 501(c), except section 501(c)(3). (See the instructions for Schedule C for details.)

1	Enter the amount directly expended by the filing organization for section 527 exempt function activities	\$
2	Enter the amount of the filing organization's internal funds contributed to other organizations for section 527 exempt funtion activities	\$
3	Total of direct and indirect exempt function expenditures Add lines 1 and 2 and enter here and on Form 1120-POL, line 17b	\$
4	Did the filing organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
5	State the names, addresses and Employer Identification Number (EIN) of all section 527 political organizations to which payments were made Enter the amount paid and indicate if the amount was paid from the filing organization's own internal funds or were political contributions received and promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization, such as a separate segregated fund or a political action committee (PAC) If additional space is needed, provide information in Part IV	

(a) Name	(b) Address	(c) EIN	(d) Amount paid from filing organization's internal funds If none, enter -0-	(e) Amount of political contributions received and promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization If none, enter -0-

Part II-A

To be completed by organizations exempt under section 501(c)(3) that filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)). (See the instructions for Schedule C for details.)

A

Check

☐

if the filing organization belongs to an affiliated group

B

Check

☐

if the filing organization checked box A and "limited control" provisions apply

Limits on Lobbying Expenditures— (The term "expenditures" means amounts paid or incurred.)	(a) Filing Organization's Totals	(b) Affiliated Group Totals
1a Total lobbying expenditures to influence public opinion (grass roots lobbying)		
b Total lobbying expenditures to influence a legislative body (direct lobbying)		
c Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 1a and 1b)		
d Other exempt purpose expenditures		
e Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 1c and 1d)		
f Lobbying nontaxable amount Enter the amount from the following table in both columns— If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is: Not over \$500,000 Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000 Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000 Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000 Over \$17,000,000 The lobbying nontaxable amount is: 20% of the amount on line 1e \$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000 \$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000 \$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000 \$1,000,000		
g Grassroots nontaxable amount (enter 25% of line 1f)		
h Subtract line 1g from line 1a Enter -0- if line g is more than line a		
i Subtract line 1f from line 1c Enter -0- if line f is more than line c		
j If there is an amount other than zero on either line 1h or line 1i, did the organization file Form 4720 reporting section 4911 tax for this year?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

4-Year Averaging Period Under Section 501(h)  
(Some organizations that made a section 501(h) election do not have to complete all of the five columns below. See the instructions for lines 1a through 1f of the instructions.)

Lobbying Expenditures During 4-Year Averaging Period					
Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) Total
2a Lobbying non-taxable amount					
b Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 2a, column(e))					
c Total lobbying expenditures					
d Grassroots non-taxable amount					
e Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line d, column (e))					
f Grassroots lobbying expenditures					

Part II-B

To be completed by organizations exempt under section 501(c)(3) that have NOT filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)). (See the instructions for Schedule C for details.)

		(a)		(b)
		Yes	No	Amount
1	During the year, did the filing organization attempt to influence foreign, national, state or local legislation, including any attempt to influence public opinion on a legislative matter or referendum, through the use of			
a	Volunteers?	Yes		
b	Paid staff or management (include compensation in expenses reported on lines c through i)?	Yes		
c	Media advertisements?		No	
d	Mailings to members, legislators, or the public?		No	
e	Publications, or published or broadcast statements?	Yes		688
f	Grants to other organizations for lobbying purposes?		No	
g	Direct contact with legislators, their staffs, government officials, or a legislative body?	Yes		2,139
h	Rallies, demonstrations, seminars, conventions, speeches, lectures, or any other means?		No	
i	Other activities If "Yes," describe in Part IV		No	
j	Total lines 1c through 1i			2,827
2a	Did the activities in line 1 cause the organization to be not described in section 501(c)(3)?		No	
b	If "Yes" enter the amount of any tax incurred under section 4912			
c	If "Yes" enter the amount of any tax incurred by organization managers under section 4912			
d	If the filing organization incurred a section 4912 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year?			

Part III-A

To be completed by all organizations exempt under section 501(c)(4), section 501(c)(5), or section 501(c)(6). (See the instructions for Schedule C for details.)

		Yes	No
1	Were substantially all (90% or more) dues received nondeductible by members?	1	
2	Did the organization make only in-house lobbying expenditures of \$2,000 or less?	2	
3	Did the organization agree to carryover lobbying and political expenditures from the prior year?	3	

Part III-B

To be completed by all organizations exempt under section 501(c)(4), section 501(c)(5), or section 501(c)(6) if BOTH Part III-A, questions 1 and 2 are answered "No" OR if Part III-A, question 3 is answered "Yes." (See the instructions for Schedule C for details.)

1	Dues, assessments and similar amounts from members	1 \$
2	Section 162(e) non-deductible lobbying and political expenditures (do not include amounts of political expenses for which the section 527(f) tax was paid).	
a	Current Year	2a \$
b	Carryover from last year	2b \$
c	Total	2c \$
3	Aggregate amount reported in section 6033(e)(1)(A) notices of nondeductible section 162(e) dues	3 \$
4	If notices were sent and the amount on line 2c exceeds the amount on line 3, what portion of the excess does the organization agree to carryover to the reasonable estimate of nondeductible lobbying and political expenditure next year?	4 \$
5	Taxable amount of lobbying and political expenditures (line 2c total minus 3 and 4)	5 \$

Part IV

Supplemental Information

Complete this part to provide the descriptions required for Part I-A, line 1, Part I-B, line 4, Part I-C, line 5, and Part II-B, line 1i. Also, complete this part for any additional information.

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
SchC_P2B_S00_L01	Schedule C, Part II-B, Line 1	Information about the National Estuarine Research Reserve System (system) and other coastal matters is provided to Friends groups associated with individual National Estuarine Research Reserves (reserves) as well as information on how to contact federal legislators if they wish to make their views known. The Executive Director and NERRA officers and board members meet with congressional staff (and sometimes with members of Congress) to describe the programs conducted by the system and funding needs and constraints or programmatic needs of the system. NERRA also prepares and distributes to its members and Friends groups a "primer" on the annual appropriations request for the system and other closely related federal coastal and estuarine programs, setting forth appropriations levels that NERRA believes are necessary for continuation and planned expansion of the system. In addition, NERRA advocates for reauthorization of the Coastal Zone Management Act.

## Supplemental Information

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**TY 2008 Other Assets Schedule****Name:** NATIONAL ESTUARINE RESEARCH RESERVE ASSOCIATION**EIN:** 22-3004888**Software ID:** 08000095**Software Version:** v1.00

Description	Beginning of Year Amount	End of Year Amount
Accounts receivable	69,412	15,265
Grants receivable	619,133	149,628
Prepaid expenses	12,000	2,095
Equipment, net of depreciation	261	0

**TY 2008 Other Expenses Schedule****Name:** NATIONAL ESTUARINE RESEARCH RESERVE ASSOCIATION**EIN:** 22-3004888**Software ID:** 08000095**Software Version:** v1.00

Description	Amount
Payroll taxes	4,943
Telephone and internet	1,435
Supplies	1,275
Travel - internal	10,925
Travel - contract	26,349
Meetings and conferences	8,719
Depreciation expense	261
Professional training	295
Board and director's insurance	3,279
Sponsorships and memberships	6,975
Website maintenance	203
Licenses and fees	35
Computer support	867
Miscellaneous expenses	1,715

**TY 2008 Other Liabilities Schedule****Name:** NATIONAL ESTUARINE RESEARCH RESERVE ASSOCIATION**EIN:** 22-3004888**Software ID:** 08000095**Software Version:** v1.00

Description	Beginning of Year Amount	End of Year Amount
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	21,061	13,065
Deferred revenue	548,394	81,841
Refundable advances	17,914	16,643



Additional Data

Software ID:

Software Version:

EIN: 22-3004888

Name: NATIONAL ESTUARINE RESEARCH RESERVE ASSOCIATION

Form 990EZ, Part IV - List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees

(A) Name and address	(B) Title and average hours per week devoted to position	(C) Compensation (If not paid, enter -0-.)	(D) Contributions to employee benefit plans & deferred compensation	(E) Expense account and other allowances
Matt Menashes 444 N Capitol ST NW STE 322 Washington, DC 20001	Exec Director/CEO 35	51,076	375	0
Jaime Kooser SFSU Romberg Tiburon Center 3152 Paradise Dr Tiburon, CA 94920	President 5	0	0	0
Rebecca Ellin North Carolina NERR 101 Pivers Island Rd Beaufort, NC 28516	Vice President 5	0	0	0
Seth Blitch Apalachicola NERR 261 7th Street Apalachicola, FL 32320	Treasurer 2	0	0	0
Bob Stankelis Narragansett Bay NERR PO Box 151 Prudence Island, RI 02872	Secretary 2	0	0	0
Paul Dest Wells NERR 342 Laudholm Farm Road Wells, ME 04090	Board Member 1	0	0	0
Phil Maier ACE Basin NERR PO Box 12559 Charleston, SC 29412	Board Member 1	0	0	0
Beth Ebersole Dept of Natural Resources 580 Taylor Ave E-2 Annapolis, MD 21401	Board Member 1	0	0	0
Willy Reay Chesapeake Bay - VA NERR PO Box 1346 Gloucester Point, VA 23062	Board Member 1	0	0	0
Kimberly Cole Delaware NERR 818 Kitts Hummock Road Dover, DE 19901	Board Member 1	0	0	0
Becky Suarez Elkhorn Slough NERR 1700 Elkhorn Road Watsonville, CA 95076	Board Member 1	0	0	0
David Ruple Grand Bay NERR 6005 Bayou Heron Road Moss Point, MS 39562	Board Member 1	0	0	0
Peter Wellenberger Great Bay NERR 89 Depot Road Greenland, NH 03840	Board Member 1	0	0	0
Michael Shirley GTM NERR 505 Guana River Road Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082	Board Member 1	0	0	0
Betsy Blair Hudson River NERR PO Box 315 Staatsburg, NY 12580	Board Member 1	0	0	0
Luis Encarnacion Jobos Bay NERR PO Box 159 Aguirre, PR 00704	Board Member 1	0	0	0
Terry Thompson Kachemak Bay NERR 95 Sterling Highway Suite 2 Homer, AK 99603	Board Member 1	0	0	0
Sally Morehead Mission-Aransas NERR 750 Channel View Drive Port Aransas, TX 78373	Board Member 1	0	0	0
Wendy Allen North Inlet-Winyah Bay NERR PO Box 1630 Georgetown, SC 29442	Board Member 1	0	0	0
Frank Lopez Old Woman Creek NERR 2514 Cleveland Road East Huron, OH 44839	Board Member 1	0	0	0
Terry Stevens Washington Dept of Ecology 10441 Bayview-Edison Rd Mt Vernon, WA 98273	Board Member 1	0	0	0
Gary Lytton Rookery Bay NERR 300 Tower Road Naples, FL 34113	Board Member 1	0	0	0
Buddy Sullivan Sapelo Island NERR PO Box 15 Sapelo Island, GA 31327	Board Member 1	0	0	0
Mike Graybill South Slough NERR PO Box 5417 Charleston, OR 97420	Board Member 1	0	0	0
Clayton Phillips Tijuana River NERR 301 Caspian Way Imperial Beach, CA 91932	Board Member 1	0	0	0
LeslieAnn McGee Waquoit Bay NERR PO Box 3092 Waquoit, MA 02536	Board Member 1	0	0	0
LG Adams Weeks Bay NERR 11300 US Hwy 98 Fairhope, AL 36532	Board Member 1	0	0	0
Bart Merrick Dept of Natural Resources 580 Taylor Ave E-2 Annapolis, MD 21401	Board Member 1	0	0	0
Jen Spicer North Inlet-Winyah Bay NERR PO Box 1630 Georgetown, SC 29442	Board Member 1	0	0	0
Dorset Hurley Sapelo Island NERR PO Box 15 Sapelo Island, GA 31327	Board Member 1	0	0	0
Mike Shelton Weeks Bay NERR 11300 US Hwy 98 Fairhope, AL 36532	Board Member 1	0	0	0
Lois Swaim c/o Rookery Bay NERR 300 Tower Road Naples, FL 34113	Board Member 1	0	0	0
Mike DeLuca Jacques Cousteau NERR 130 Great Bay Boulevard Tuckerton, NJ 08087	Board Member 1	0	0	0