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Form 990-EZ

## 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.

2008

Open to Public  
InspectionDepartment of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

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 ASSOCIATIONNumber and street (or P. O. box, if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite  
444 N CAPITOL ST NW STE 322City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4  
WASHINGTON, DC 20001D Employer identification number  
22-3004888E 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

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 )

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
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
c	Net income or (loss) from special events and activities (Subtract line 6b from line 6a)		
7a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	7a	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 ►)	7c	0
9	<b>Total revenue</b> (add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6c, 7c, and 8)	8	0
		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
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	<b>Total expenses</b> (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 <b>Total assets</b>	819,569	25 412,423
26 <b>Total liabilities</b> (describe ►)	587,369	26 111,549
27 <b>Net assets or fund balances</b> (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	232,200	27 300,874

<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 )
<p>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)</p> <p>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</p>				
<p><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)</p>		<p>If this amount includes foreign grants, check here . . . ► <input type="checkbox"/></p>		<p><b>28a</b> 339,960</p>
<p><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)</p>		<p>If this amount includes foreign grants, check here . . . ► <input type="checkbox"/></p>		<p><b>29a</b> 126,594</p>
<p><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)</p>		<p>If this amount includes foreign grants, check here . . . ► <input type="checkbox"/></p>		<p><b>30a</b> 18,742</p>
<p><b>31</b> Other program services (attach schedule) (Grants \$ )</p>		<p>If this amount includes foreign grants, check here . . . ► <input type="checkbox"/></p>		<p><b>31a</b></p>
<p><b>32 Total program service expenses</b> (add lines 28a through 31a)</p>				<p><b>32</b> 485,296</p>
<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 )				
<b>(a)</b> Name and address	<b>(b)</b> Title and average hours per week devoted to position	<b>(c)</b> Compensation <b>(If not paid, enter -0-.)</b>	<b>(d)</b> Contributions to employee benefit plans & deferred compensation	<b>(e)</b> Expense account and other allowances
See Additional Data Table				

<b>Part V Other Information</b> (Note the statement requirements in the instructions for Part VI.)			<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>33</b> Did the organization engage in any activity not previously reported to the IRS? If "Yes," attach a detailed description of each activity	<b>33</b>		No	
<b>34</b> 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	<b>34</b>		No	
<b>35</b> If the organization had income from business activities, such as those reported on lines 2, 6a, and 7a (among others), but not reported on Form 990-T, attach a statement explaining your reason for not reporting the income on Form 990-T				
<b>a</b> Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more or 6033(e) notice, reporting, and proxy tax requirements? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>35a</b>		No	
<b>b</b> If "Yes," has it filed a tax return on <b>Form 990-T</b> for this year?	<b>35b</b>			
<b>36</b> Was there a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or substantial contraction during the year? If "Yes," complete applicable parts of Schedule N	<b>36</b>		No	
<b>37a</b> Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions ► <b>37a</b> 0	<b>37a</b>	0		
<b>b</b> Did the organization file <b>Form 1120-POL</b> for this year?	<b>37b</b>		No	
<b>38a</b> Did the organization borrow from, or make any loans to, any officer, director, trustee, or key employee or were any such loans made in a prior year and still unpaid at the start of the period covered by this return?	<b>38a</b>		No	
<b>b</b> If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved	<b>38b</b>			
<b>39</b> <i>501(c)(7) organizations.</i> Enter	<b>39a</b>			
<b>a</b> Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9	<b>39b</b>			
<b>b</b> Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities				
<b>40a</b> <i>Section 501(c)(3) organizations.</i> Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under section 4911 ► 0 , section 4912 ► 0 , section 4955 ► 0	<b>40b</b>		No	
<b>b</b> <i>Section 501(c)(3) and (4) organizations.</i> 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.				
<b>c</b> Enter amount of tax imposed on organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958 ► 0				
<b>d</b> Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization ► 0				
<b>e</b> <i>All organizations.</i> At any time during the tax year, was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?	<b>40e</b>		No	
<b>41</b> List the states with which a copy of this return is filed ►				
<b>42a</b> The books are in care of ► <u>Scott Rocray</u> Telephone no ► (207) 985-5903				
Located at ► <u>64 Old Falls Rd</u> ZIP + 4 ► <u>04043</u>				
<b>b</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)?	<b>42b</b>		No	
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>				
<b>c</b> At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside of the U S ?	<b>42c</b>		No	
If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country ►				
<b>43</b> 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 ► <b>43</b>	<b>43</b>			
<b>44</b> Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds? If "Yes", Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ.	<b>44</b>		No	
<b>45</b> 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.	<b>45</b>		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.

	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>46</b> 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 	<b>46</b>	No
<b>47</b> Did the organization engage in lobbying activities? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II 	<b>47</b>	Yes
<b>48</b> Is the organization operating a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "yes," complete Schedule E	<b>48</b>	No
<b>49a</b> Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization?	<b>49a</b>	No
<b>b</b> If "Yes," was the related organization(s) a section 527 organization?	<b>49b</b>	

**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."

<b>(a)</b> Name and address of each employee paid more than \$100,000	<b>(b)</b> Title and average hours per week devoted to position	<b>(c)</b> Compensation	<b>(d)</b> Contributions to employee benefit plans & deferred compensation	<b>(e)</b> 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."

<b>(a)</b> Name and address of each independent contractor paid more than \$100,000	<b>(b)</b> Type of service	<b>(c)</b> Compensation
NONE		
Total number of other independent contractors receiving over \$100,000 		

<b>Please Sign Here</b>	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			
		2010-01-21	Date	
	Signature of officer			
	Paul Dest Treasurer			
	Type or print name and title			
<b>Paid Preparer's Use Only</b>	Preparer's signature 	Date 2010-01-21	Check if self-employed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Preparer's PTIN (See Gen Inst X)
	Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4 	EIN 		
	64 Old Falls Rd Kennebunk, ME 04043			Phone no  (207) 985-5903

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions . . . . .   Yes  No

**SCHEDULE A**  
(Form 990 or 990EZ)**Public Charity Status and Public Support****2008**Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service**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.****Open to Public  
Inspection****Name of the organization**

NATIONAL ESTUARINE RESEARCH RESERVE ASSOCIATION

**Employer identification number**

22-3004888

**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  A church, convention of churches, or association of churches described in **Section 170(b)(1)(A)(i)**.

2  A school described in **Section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)**. (Attach Schedule E )

3  A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in **Section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)**. (Attach Schedule H )

4  A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital described in **Section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)**. Enter the hospital's name, city, and state

5  An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit described in **Section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv)**. (Complete Part II )

6  A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in **Section 170(b)(1)(A)(v)**.

7  An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public described in **Section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)** (Complete Part II )

8  A community trust described in **Section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)** (Complete Part II )

9  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 **Section 509(a)(2)**. (Complete Part III )

10  An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety See **Section 509(a)(4)**. (See instructions )

11  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 **Section 509(a)(3)**. Check the box that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 11e through 11h

e  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  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  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  Provide the following information about the organizations the organization supports

	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>11g(i)</b>		
<b>11g(ii)</b>		
<b>11g(iii)</b>		

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

**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
1 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
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf	0	0	0	0	0	0
3 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
5 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
7 Amounts from line 4	260,810	562	564,944	400,944	522,444	2,237,677
8 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
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on	0	0	0	0	0	0
10 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
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc (See instructions )					<b>12</b>	

**13 First 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**

14 Public Support Percentage for 2008 (line 6 column (f) divided by line 11 column (f))	<b>14</b>	<b>98.609 %</b>
15 Public Support Percentage for 2007 Schedule A, Part IV-A, line 26f	<b>15</b>	<b>98.2 %</b>
16a <b>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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>
17a <b>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 checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>
18 <b>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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**Part III Support 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
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any "unusual grants")						
2 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose						
3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						
4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
<b>6 Total</b> Add lines 1-5						
<b>7a</b> Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons						
<b>b</b> Amounts 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						
<b>c</b> Total of lines 7a and 7b						
<b>8 Public Support</b> (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
<b>9</b> Amounts from line 6						
<b>10a</b> Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
<b>b</b> Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after 30 June, 1975						
<b>c</b> Add lines 10a and 10b						
<b>11</b> Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
<b>12</b> Other income Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.)						
<b>13 Total Support</b> (Add lines 9, 10c, 11 and 12)						
<b>14 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>						►

**Computation of Public Support Percentage**

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

**Computation of Investment Income Percentage**

<b>17</b> Investment Income Percentage for 2008 (line 10c column (f) divided by line 13 column (f))	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b> Investment Income Percentage from 2007 Schedule A, Part IV-A, line 27h	<b>18</b>
<b>19a</b> <b>33 1/3% Tests - 2008.</b> 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 <b>stop here</b> . The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization	►
<b>b</b> <b>33 1/3% Tests - 2007.</b> 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 <b>stop here</b> . The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization	►
<b>20</b> <b>Private Foundation</b> 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



**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

<b>Limits on Lobbying Expenditures—</b> (The term "expenditures" means amounts paid or incurred.)		<b>(a) Filing Organization's Totals</b>	<b>(b) Affiliated Group Totals</b>
<b>1a</b> Total lobbying expenditures to influence public opinion (grass roots lobbying)			
<b>b</b> Total lobbying expenditures to influence a legislative body (direct lobbying)			
<b>c</b> Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 1a and 1b)			
<b>d</b> Other exempt purpose expenditures			
<b>e</b> Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 1c and 1d)			
<b>f</b> Lobbying nontaxable amount Enter the amount from the following table in both columns—			
<b>If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:</b>	<b>The lobbying nontaxable amount is:</b>		
Not over \$500,000	20% of the amount on line 1e		
Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000	\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000		
Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000	\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000		
Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000	\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000		
Over \$17,000,000	\$1,000,000		
<b>g</b> Grassroots nontaxable amount (enter 25% of line 1f)			
<b>h</b> Subtract line 1g from line 1a Enter -0- if line g is more than line a			
<b>i</b> Subtract line 1f from line 1c Enter -0- if line f is more than line c			
<b>j</b> 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.)**

<b>Lobbying Expenditures During 4-Year Averaging Period</b>					
<b>Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)</b>	<b>(a) 2005</b>	<b>(b) 2006</b>	<b>(c) 2007</b>	<b>(d) 2008</b>	<b>(e) Total</b>
<b>2a</b> Lobbying non-taxable amount					
<b>b</b> Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 2a, column(e))					
<b>c</b> Total lobbying expenditures					
<b>d</b> Grassroots non-taxable amount					
<b>e</b> Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line d, column (e))					
<b>f</b> 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
<b>1</b> 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			
<b>a</b> Volunteers?	Yes		
<b>b</b> Paid staff or management (include compensation in expenses reported on lines c through i)?	Yes		
<b>c</b> Media advertisements?		No	
<b>d</b> Mailings to members, legislators, or the public?		No	
<b>e</b> Publications, or published or broadcast statements?	Yes		688
<b>f</b> Grants to other organizations for lobbying purposes?		No	
<b>g</b> Direct contact with legislators, their staffs, government officials, or a legislative body?	Yes		2,139
<b>h</b> Rallies, demonstrations, seminars, conventions, speeches, lectures, or any other means?		No	
<b>i</b> Other activities If "Yes," describe in Part IV		No	
<b>j</b> Total lines 1c through 1i			2,827
<b>2a</b> Did the activities in line 1 cause the organization to be not described in section 501(c)(3)?		No	
<b>b</b> If "Yes" enter the amount of any tax incurred under section 4912			
<b>c</b> If "Yes" enter the amount of any tax incurred by organization managers under section 4912			
<b>d</b> 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
<b>1</b> Were substantially all (90% or more) dues received nondeductible by members?	1	
<b>2</b> Did the organization make only in-house lobbying expenditures of \$2,000 or less?	2	
<b>3</b> 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.)

<b>1</b> Dues, assessments and similar amounts from members	1 \$
<b>2</b> Section 162(e) non-deductible lobbying and political expenditures ( <b>do not include amounts of political expenses for which the section 527(f) tax was paid</b> ).	
<b>a</b> Current Year	2a \$
<b>b</b> Carryover from last year	2b \$
<b>c</b> Total	2c \$
<b>3</b> Aggregate amount reported in section 6033(e)(1)(A) notices of nondeductible section 162(e) dues	3 \$
<b>4</b> 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 \$
<b>5</b> 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 1. 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

## **Part IV      Supplemental Information**

## 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

<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>
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**

<b>(A) Name and address</b>	<b>(B) Title and average hours per week devoted to position</b>	<b>(C) Compensation (If not paid, enter -0-.)</b>	<b>(D) Contributions to employee benefit plans &amp; deferred compensation</b>	<b>(E) Expense account and other allowances</b>
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 Rupple 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