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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 of donor advised funds 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.

OMB No 1545-1150

2008Open to Public
Inspection**A For the 2008 calendar year, or tax year beginning** **NOV 4, 2008** **and ending** **SEP 30, 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		D Employer identification number
		Northeastern Regional Association of Coastal Ocean Observing Systems		26-4607435
		Number and street (or P.O. box, if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite		E Telephone number
		570 Ocean Boulevard		603-319-1785
City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4		F Group Exemption Number ▶		
Rye, NH 03870				

• 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: ▶ neracoos.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 ▶ \$ **199,554.****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	193,582.
	2 Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	2	5,929.
	3 Membership dues and assessments	3	
	4 Investment income	4	
	5a Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory	5a	
	b Less cost or other basis and sales expenses	5b	
	c Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a) (attach schedule)	5c	
	6 Special events and activities (complete applicable parts of Schedule G) If any amount is from gaming, check here ▶ ☐		
	a Gross revenue (not including \$ of contributions reported on line 1)	6a	
b Less direct expenses other than fundraising expenses	6b		
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		
b Less cost of goods sold	7b		
c Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)	7c		
8 Other revenue (describe ▶ <u>Interest income</u>)	8	43.	
9 Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6c, 7c, and 8	9	199,554.	
Expenses	10 Grants and similar amounts paid (attach schedule)	10	42,431.
	11 Benefits paid to or for members	11	
	12 Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits	12	55,718.
	13 Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors	13	6,572.
	14 Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	14	278.
	15 Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	15	19.
	16 Other expenses (describe ▶ <u>See Statement 1</u>)	16	23,699.
	17 Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16	17	128,717.
Net Assets	18 Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)	18	70,837.
	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	0.
	20 Other changes in net assets or fund balances (attach explanation)	20	
	21 Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20	21	70,837.

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	0.	89,872.
23 Land and buildings		
24 Other assets (describe ▶ <u>See Statement 2</u>)	0.	7,157.
25 Total assets	0.	97,029.
26 Total liabilities (describe ▶ <u>Accrued expenses</u>)	0.	26,192.
27 Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	0.	70,837.

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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		X
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		X
35 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.		
a Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more or section 6033(e) notice, reporting, and proxy tax requirements?		X
b If "Yes," has it filed a tax return on Form 990-T for this year?	N/A	
36 Was there a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or substantial contraction during the year? If "Yes," complete applicable parts of Sch N		X
37a Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions	37a	0.
b Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?	37b	X
38a 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?	38a	X
b If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved	38b	N/A
39 Section 501(c)(7) organizations Enter		
a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9	39a	N/A
b Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities	39b	N/A
40a Section 501(c)(3) organizations Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under section 4911	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	X
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? If "Yes," complete Form 8886-T	40e	X
41 List the states with which a copy of this return is filed.	ME	
42a The books are in care of	J. Ru Morrison	
Located at	570 Ocean Blvd., Rye, NH	
Telephone no	603-319-1785	
ZIP + 4	03870	
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)?	42b	X
If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country		
See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts.		
c At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside of the U.S.?	42c	X
If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country		
43 Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of Form 1041 - Check here and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year	43	N/A
44 Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ	44	X
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	X

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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
- 47 Did the organization engage in lobbying activities? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II
- 48 Is the organization operating a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E
- 49a Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization?
- 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 each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None."

	Yes	No
46		X
47		X
48		X
49a		X
49b		

(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 is none, enter "None"

(a) Name and address of each independent contractor paid more than \$100,000	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
Total number of other independent contractors each receiving over \$100,000		

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: *Linda Mercer* Date: *12/15/2011*

Signature of preparer: *Linda Mercer* Type or print name and title: **Linda Mercer, Treasurer**

Paid Preparer's Use Only

Preparer's signature: *Albert P. Stowe* Date: **01/07/11** Check if self-employed: ☒ Preparer's Identifying Number (See instr):

Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4: **Albert P. Stowe, CPA, P.L.L.C.
200 Marcy Street
Portsmouth, NH 03801** EIN: **603-433-8838**

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

Part II Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Sections 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.)

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 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
4 Total. Add lines 1 - 3						
5 The portion of total contributions by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f)						
6 Public Support. Subtract line 5 from line 4						

Section B. 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						
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
10 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.)						
11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10						
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions)					12	
13 First five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here						☐

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

14 Public support percentage for 2008 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	14	%
15 Public support percentage from 2007 Schedule A, Part IV-A, line 26f	15	%
16a 33 1/3% support test - 2008. If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		
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b 33 1/3% support test - 2007. If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		
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17a 10% -facts-and-circumstances test - 2008. 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 stop here. Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		
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b 10% -facts-and-circumstances test - 2007. 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 stop here. Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		
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18 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions		
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Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ) 2008

Northeastern Regional Association of

Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ) 2008 **Coastal Ocean Observing Systems**

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Part III Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Section 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						
6 Total. Add lines 1 - 5						
7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons						
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						
c Add lines 7a and 7b						
8 Public support (Subtract line 7c from line 6)						0.

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2004	(b) 2005	(c) 2006	(d) 2007	(e) 2008	(f) Total
9 Amounts from line 6						
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						
c Add lines 10a and 10b						
11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
12 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.)						
13 Total support (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12)						0.

14 First five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and **stop here** ☒ **X**

Section C. 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 from 2007 Schedule A, Part IV-A, line 27g	16	%

Section D. 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% support 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% support 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 ☐

Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ) 2008

Form 990-EZ	Other Expenses	Statement	1
Description		Amount	
Conferences, conventions and meetings		4,952.	
Travel and meals		12,054.	
Insurance		919.	
Supplies		5,774.	
Total to Form 990-EZ, line 16		23,699.	

Form 990-EZ	Other Assets	Statement	2
Description	Beg. of Year	End of Year	
Accounts receivable	0.	5,929.	
Prepaid insurance	0.	1,228.	
Total to Form 990-EZ, line 24	0.	7,157.	

Footnotes	Statement	3
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Amended return reflects adjustments for accruals and prepaids that were not included in the original return.

Page 1 Part I lines 1, 2 and 8 of the 990-EZ changed to reflect proper reporting of revised amounts.

Page 1 lines 12,14,16 and 17-21 were adjusted due to the adjustments for accruals, prepaids and depreciation.

Page 1 Part II lines 24-27 adjusted for the changes indicated above.

Page 2 Part III was increased \$13,536 as a result of how the changes above effected program expenses.

Form 990-EZ	Cash Grants and Allocations	Statement	4
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<u>Class of Activity/Donee's Name and Address</u>	<u>Donee's Relationship</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Web development Applied Science Associates 55 Village Square Drive South Kingstown, RI 02879	None	8,497.
Education and outreach Carla Companion 326 Lilac Lane Dover, NH 03820	None	210.
Web development Gulf of Maine Ocean Observing System 350 Commerical Street, Suite 308 Portland, ME 04101	None	24,450.
Energy work group Neal R. Pettigrew PO Box 367 Blue Hill, ME 04614	None	1,274.
Support Ron Rozsa 210 Amidon Road Ashford, CT 06278	None	8,000.
Total Included on Form 990-EZ, Line 10		<u>42,431.</u>

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Information Regarding Transfers
Associated with Personal Benefit Contracts

Statement 5

- A) Did the organization, during the year, receive any funds,
directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal
benefit contract? [] Yes [X] No
- B) Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums,
directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract? . . [] Yes [X] No

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

Statement 6

Name and Address	Title and Avrg Hrs/Wk	Compen- sation	Employee Ben Plan Expense Contrib Account
Cheryl Zimmerman	Secretary 2.00	0.	0. 0.
Linda Mercer	Treasurer 2.00	0.	0. 0.
Peter Smith	Vice President 2.00	0.	0. 0.
Malcolm Spaulding	President 2.00	0.	0. 0.
Janet Campbell	Director 1.00	0.	0. 0.
Bruce Carlisle	Director 1.00	0.	0. 0.
John Conway	Director 1.00	0.	0. 0.
John Farrington	Director 1.00	0.	0. 0.
Al Hanson	Director 1.00	0.	0. 0.
Jon Hare	Director 1.00	0.	0. 0.
Peter Jumars	Director 1.00	0.	0. 0.
Larry Madin	Director 1.00	0.	0. 0.
Chris Nash	Director 1.00	0.	0. 0.
Kevin O'Brien	Director 1.00	0.	0. 0.

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James O'Donnell	Director			
	1.00	0.	0.	0.
Jack Ringelberg	Director			
	1.00	0.	0.	0.
Michael Szemerda	Director			
	1.00	0.	0.	0.
Christine Tilburg	Director			
	1.00	0.	0.	0.
Totals Included on Form 990-EZ, Part IV		<u>0.</u>	<u>0.</u>	<u>0.</u>

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Statement 7

The organization began significant operations in June 2009. From June 2009 through September 2009, the focus of the organization was on developing a plan to deliver priority products and services to stakeholders and users that would be followed by designing the appropriate observing system.

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Statement 8

(1) To lead the development, implementation, operating, and evaluation of a sustained, regional coastal ocean observing system for the northeast United States and Canadian Maritime provinces, as part of the United States Integrated Ocean Observing System (IOOS).

(2) To promote the development, assessment, and dissemination of data and data products that meet the needs of end users.

(3) To advocate through education and outreach for the regional, national, and global ocean observing system and the application of scientific assessments using environmental data to meet societal needs.