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Form **990-EZ****Short Form****Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax**

OMB No 1545-1150

2009Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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 \$500,000 and total assets less than \$1,250,000 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.

Open to Public Inspection**A For the 2009 calendar year, or tax year beginning , 2009, and ending ,**

B Check if applicable: ☐ Address change ☐ Name change ☐ Initial return ☐ Termination ☐ Amended return ☐ Application pending	C Please use IRS label or print or type. See Specific Instructions. ECOLOGICAL RIGHTS FOUNDATION 867 B REDWOOD DRIVE GARBERVILLE, CA 95542	D Employer identification number 68-0400522
		E Telephone number (707) 923-4372
		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.ECORIGHTS.ORG

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

J Tax-exempt status (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 Form 990-EZ or Form 990 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 \$500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ

▶ \$ 374,064.

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	330,294.
2 Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	2	
3 Membership dues and assessments	3	4,783.
4 Investment income	4	3,094.
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)	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	33,578.
b Less direct expenses other than fundraising expenses	6b	30,773.
c Net income or (loss) from special events and activities (Subtract line 6b from line 6a)	6c	2,805.
7a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	7a	2,165.
b Less cost of goods sold	7b	1,238.
c Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)	7c	927.
8 Other revenue (describe ▶ SEE STATEMENT 1)	8	150.
9 Total revenue Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6c, 7c, and 8	9	342,053.
10 Grants and similar amounts paid (attach schedule)	10	560.
11 Benefits paid to or for members	11	
12 Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits	12	202,640.
13 Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors	13	5,082.
14 Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	14	16,100.
15 Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	15	3,809.
16 Other expenses (describe ▶ SEE STATEMENT 3)	16	359,755.
17 Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16	17	587,946.
18 Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)	18	-245,893.
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	526,987.
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	281,094.

Part II Balance Sheets. If Total assets on line 25, column (B) are \$1,250,000 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	451,420.	217,944.
23 Land and buildings		
24 Other assets (describe ▶ SEE STATEMENT 4)	78,088.	65,736.
25 Total assets	529,508.	283,680.
26 Total liabilities (describe ▶ SEE STATEMENT 5)	2,521.	2,586.
27 Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	526,987.	281,094.

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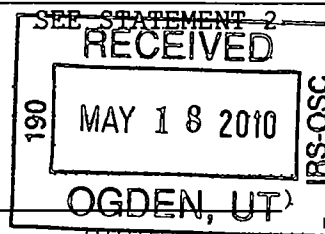
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REVENUE

EXPENSES

NET ASSETS



Part V Other Information (Note the statement requirements in the instrs for Part V.)

SEE STATEMENT 8

	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	X
34 Were any changes made to the organizing or governing documents? If 'Yes,' attach a conformed copy of the changes	34	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 why the organization did not report the income on Form 990-T		
a Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more or was it subject to section 6033(e) notice, reporting, and proxy tax requirements?	35a	X
b If 'Yes,' has it filed a tax return on Form 990-T for this year?	35b	
36 Did the organization undergo a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or significant disposition of net assets during the year? If 'Yes,' complete applicable parts of Schedule N	36	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 outstanding at the end 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. , section 4912 0. , section 4955 0.		
b Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year or is it aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part I	40b	X
c Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations Enter amount of tax imposed on organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958 0.		
d Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations 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 NONE		

42a The organization's books are in care of **JAMES LAMPORT** Telephone no **---**
 Located at **867 B REDWOOD DRIVE GARBerville CA** ZIP + 4 **95542**

	Yes	No
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 ---	42b	X
See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of a Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts.		
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	X

43 Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of **Form 1041** — Check here ☐ N/A
 and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year **43** N/A

	Yes	No
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

Part VI Section 501(c)(3) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts only. All section 501(c)(3) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must answer questions 46-49b 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
46		X
47		X
48		X
49a		X
49b		

47 Did the organization engage in lobbying activities? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule C, Part II

48 Is the organization 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 a section 527 organization?

50 Complete this table for the organization's 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'

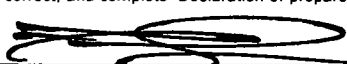
(a) Name and address of each employee paid more than \$100,000	(b) Title and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans and deferred compensation	(e) Expense account and other allowances
NONE				

f Total number of other employees paid over \$100,000

51 Complete this table for the organization's 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
NONE		

d Total number of other independent contractors each receiving over \$100,000

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		5/14/10 Date	
Paid Preparer's Use Only	Fredric Everson, Director Type or print name and title			
	Preparer's signature	 JAMES D. REDDELL	Date	5/10/10
	Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4	JAMES D. REDDELL, CPA 412 CEDAR ST., SUITE E SANTA CRUZ, CA 95060		
	Check if self-employed	☒	Preparer's Identifying Number (See instructions)	N/A
	EIN	N/A		
	Phone no	(831) 457-1120		

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions

☒ Yes ☐ No

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Form 990-EZ (2009)

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Public Charity Status and Public Support

Complete if the organization is a section 501(c)(3) organization or a section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust.

► Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. ► See separate instructions.

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Name of the organization

ECOLOGICAL RIGHTS FOUNDATION

Employer identification number

68-0400522

Part I Reason for Public Charity Status (All organizations must complete this part.) See instructions

The organization is not a private foundation because it is (For lines 1 through 11, check only one box.)

- 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 cooperative hospital service organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).**
- 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).**
- 11 ☐ An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or 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
- a ☐ Type I b ☐ Type II c ☐ Type III – Functionally integrated d ☐ Type III – Other
- 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 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 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?

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

h Provide the following information about the supported organizations

(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									

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Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ) 2009

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) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions and membership fees received. (Do not include 'unusual grants'.)						
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to it or expended on its behalf.						
3 The value of services or facilities furnished to the organization by a governmental unit without charge. Do not include the value of services or facilities generally furnished to the public without charge.						
4 Total. Add lines 1 through 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) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(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 2009 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f)).	14	%
15 Public support percentage from 2008 Schedule A, Part II, line 14.	15	%
16a 33-1/3 support test – 2009. If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and the line 14 is 33-1/3 % or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization. ▶ ☐		
b 33-1/3 support test – 2008. 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. ▶ ☐		
17a 10%-facts-and-circumstances test – 2009. 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. ▶ ☐		
b 10%-facts-and-circumstances test – 2008. 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. ▶ ☐		
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) 2009

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 yr beginning in) ▶	(a) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions and membership fees received. (Do not include 'unusual grants'.)	251,664.	401,040.	579,293.	584,300.	335,077.	2,151,374.
2 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in a activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose	12,920.	14,729.	31,348.	329,947.	35,893.	424,837.
3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						0.
4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						0.
5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						0.
6 Total. Add lines 1 through 5	264,584.	415,769.	610,641.	914,247.	370,970.	2,576,211.
7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, 3 received from disqualified persons	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
b Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of 1% of the amount on line 13 for the year	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
c Add lines 7a and 7b	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
8 Public support. (Subtract line 7c from line 6.)						2,576,211.

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal yr beginning in) ▶	(a) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(f) Total
9 Amounts from line 6	264,584.	415,769.	610,641.	914,247.	370,970.	2,576,211.
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	14,772.	23,852.	23,289.	10,908.	3,094.	75,915.
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						0.
c Add lines 10a and 10b	14,772.	23,852.	23,289.	10,908.	3,094.	75,915.
11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						0.
12 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.)						0.
13 Total support. (add lns 9, 10c, 11, and 12.)						2,652,126.
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 ▶ ☐						

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

15 Public support percentage for 2009 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	15	97.1 %
16 Public support percentage from 2008 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16	96.9 %

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17 Investment income percentage for 2009 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	17	2.9 %
18 Investment income percentage from 2008 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	3.1 %

- 19a 33-1/3 support tests – 2009.** 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 – 2008.** If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or 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 explanations required by Part II, line 10; Part II, line 17a or 17b; and Part III, line 12. Provide any other additional information. See instructions.

Part II Fundraising Events. Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' to Form 990, Part IV, line 18, or reported more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a. List events with gross receipts greater than \$5,000.

REVENUE		(a) Event #1	(b) Event #2	(c) Other Events	(d) Total Events
		BAYKEEPER ANNU (event type)	(event type)	(total number)	(Add col (a) through col (c))
	1 Gross receipts	33,578.			33,578.
	2 Less Charitable contributions				
	3 Gross income (line 1 minus line 2)	33,578.			33,578.
DIRECT EXPENSES	4 Cash prizes				
	5 Noncash prizes				
	6 Rent/facility costs				
	7 Food and beverages				
	8 Entertainment				
	9 Other direct expenses	30,773.			30,773.
	10 Direct expense summary Add lines 4- through 9 in column (d)				30,773.
	11 Net income summary Combine lines 3, column (d) and line 10				2,805.

Part III Gaming. Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' to Form 990, Part IV, line 19, or reported more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a.

REVENUE		(a) Bingo	(b) Pull tabs/Instant bingo/progressive bingo	(c) Other gaming	(d) Total gaming
					(Add col (a) through col (c))
	1 Gross revenue				
DIRECT EXPENSES	2 Cash prizes				
	3 Non-cash prizes				
	4 Rent/facility costs				
	5 Other direct expenses				
	6 Volunteer labor	☐ Yes _____ % ☐ No	☐ Yes _____ % ☐ No	☐ Yes _____ % ☐ No	
	7 Direct expense summary. Add lines 2 through 5 in column (d)				
	8 Net gaming income summary Combine lines 1, column (d) and line 7				

9 Enter the state(s) in which the organization operates gaming activities: _____

a Is the organization licensed to operate gaming activities in each of these states?

b If 'No,' explain

10a Were any of the organization's gaming licenses revoked, suspended or terminated during the tax year?

b If 'Yes,' explain:

11 Does the organization operate gaming activities with nonmembers?

12 Is the organization a grantor, beneficiary or trustee of a trust or a member of a partnership or other entity formed to administer charitable gaming?

	YES	NO
9a		
10a		
11		
12		

13 Indicate the percentage of gaming activity operated in**a** The organization's facility**13a** %**b** An outside facility**13b** %**14** Enter the name and address of the person who prepares the organization's gaming/special events books and records

Name: ▶ _____

Address: ▶ _____

15a Does the organization have a contact with a third party from whom the organization receives gaming revenue?**15a****b** If 'Yes,' enter the amount of gaming revenue received by the organization \$ _____ and the amount of gaming revenue retained by the third party \$ _____**c** If 'Yes,' enter name and address of the third party

Name: ▶ _____

Address: ▶ _____

16 Gaming manager information

Name: ▶ _____

Gaming manager compensation ▶ \$ _____

Description of services provided ▶ _____

☐ Director/officer☐ Employee☐ Independent contractor**17** Mandatory distributions**a** Is the organization required under state law to make charitable distributions from the gaming proceeds to retain the state gaming license?**17a****b** Enter the amount of distributions required under state law to be distributed to other exempt organizations or spent in the organization's own exempt activities during the tax year: ▶ \$ _____

Form **4562**Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service (99)**Depreciation and Amortization**
(Including Information on Listed Property)

▶ See separate instructions. ▶ Attach to your tax return.

OMB No 1545-0172

2009Attachment
Sequence No **67**

Name(s) shown on return

ECOLOGICAL RIGHTS FOUNDATION

Identifying number

68-0400522

Business or activity to which this form relates

FORM 990/990-PF**Part I Election To Expense Certain Property Under Section 179****Note:** If you have any listed property, complete Part V before you complete Part I

1	Maximum amount See the instructions for a higher limit for certain businesses	1	\$250,000.
2	Total cost of section 179 property placed in service (see instructions)	2	
3	Threshold cost of section 179 property before reduction in limitation (see instructions)	3	\$800,000.
4	Reduction in limitation Subtract line 3 from line 2. If zero or less, enter -0-	4	
5	Dollar limitation for tax year Subtract line 4 from line 1. If zero or less, enter -0-. If married filing separately, see instructions.	5	
6	(a) Description of property	(b) Cost (business use only)	(c) Elected cost
7	Listed property. Enter the amount from line 29	7	
8	Total elected cost of section 179 property. Add amounts in column (c), lines 6 and 7	8	
9	Tentative deduction. Enter the smaller of line 5 or line 8	9	
10	Carryover of disallowed deduction from line 13 of your 2008 Form 4562	10	
11	Business income limitation Enter the smaller of business income (not less than zero) or line 5 (see instrs)	11	
12	Section 179 expense deduction. Add lines 9 and 10, but do not enter more than line 11	12	
13	Carryover of disallowed deduction to 2010. Add lines 9 and 10, less line 12	13	

Note: Do not use Part II or Part III below for listed property. Instead, use Part V**Part II Special Depreciation Allowance and Other Depreciation (Do not include listed property) (See instructions)**

14	Special depreciation allowance for qualified property (other than listed property) placed in service during the tax year (see instructions)	14	
15	Property subject to section 168(f)(1) election	15	
16	Other depreciation (including ACRS)	16	9,450.

Part III MACRS Depreciation (Do not include listed property.) (See instructions)**Section A**

17	MACRS deductions for assets placed in service in tax years beginning before 2009	17	
18	If you are electing to group any assets placed in service during the tax year into one or more general asset accounts, check here ☐		

Section B - Assets Placed in Service During 2009 Tax Year Using the General Depreciation System

(a) Classification of property	(b) Month and year placed in service	(c) Basis for depreciation (business/investment use only — see instructions)	(d) Recovery period	(e) Convention	(f) Method	(g) Depreciation deduction
19a 3-year property						
b 5-year property						
c 7-year property						
d 10-year property						
e 15-year property						
f 20-year property						
g 25-year property			25 yrs		S/L	
h Residential rental property			27.5 yrs	MM	S/L	
			27.5 yrs	MM	S/L	
i Nonresidential real property			39 yrs	MM	S/L	
				MM	S/L	

Section C - Assets Placed in Service During 2009 Tax Year Using the Alternative Depreciation System

20a Class life					S/L	
b 12-year			12 yrs		S/L	
c 40-year			40 yrs	MM	S/L	

Part IV Summary (See instructions)

21	Listed property Enter amount from line 28	21	
22	Total Add amounts from line 12, lines 14 through 17, lines 19 and 20 in column (g), and line 21. Enter here and on the appropriate lines of your return Partnerships and S corporations — see instructions	22	9,450.
23	For assets shown above and placed in service during the current year, enter the portion of the basis attributable to section 263A costs	23	

BAA For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see separate instructions.

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STATEMENT 1
FORM 990-EZ, PART I, LINE 8
OTHER REVENUE

ADV. IN NEWSLETTER

	\$	150.
TOTAL	\$	<u>150.</u>

STATEMENT 2
FORM 990-EZ, PART I, LINE 10
GRANTS AND SIMILAR AMOUNTS PAID

DONEE'S NAME:
 CASH AMOUNT GIVEN:

MISCELLANEOUS ORGANIZED CHARITIES

\$	560.
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STATEMENT 3
FORM 990-EZ, PART I, LINE 16
OTHER EXPENSES

ADVERTISING AND PROMOTION	\$	1,122.
BANK CHARGES		670.
BOAT MOORING & EXPENSE		9,303.
CASH OVER		-700.
CONSULTING		438.
CONTRACT LABOR		226,682.
DEPRECIATION		9,450.
DUES, SUBSCRIPTIONS & LICENSES		2,854.
EDUCATION/TRAINING & MATERIALS		3,839.
EQUIPMENT RENTAL & MAINTENANCE		2,820.
INSURANCE		2,715.
LICENSES & PERMITS		125.
LITIGATION COSTS		52,915.
MISCELLANEOUS		190.
OFFICE EXPENSES		3,110.
TAXES & FEES		145.
TRAVEL		14,645.
UTILITIES & TELEPHONE		9,119.
WATER QUALITY MONITORING		20,313.
TOTAL	\$	<u>359,755.</u>

STATEMENT 4
FORM 990-EZ, PART II, LINE 24
OTHER ASSETS

	BEGINNING	ENDING
INVENTORIES	\$ 6,784.	\$ 5,546.
MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT	67,209.	60,190.
PREPAID EXPENSES AND DEFERRED CHARGES	4,095.	0.
TOTAL	<u>\$ 78,088.</u>	<u>\$ 65,736.</u>

STATEMENT 5
FORM 990-EZ, PART II, LINE 26
TOTAL LIABILITIES

	<u>BEGINNING</u>	<u>ENDING</u>
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND ACCRUED EXPENSES	\$ 2,521.	\$ 2,586.
TOTAL	<u>\$ 2,521.</u>	<u>\$ 2,586.</u>

STATEMENT 6
FORM 990-EZ, PART III
ORGANIZATION'S PRIMARY EXEMPT PURPOSE

THE PRIMARY OBJECTIVE AND PURPOSE OF THIS ORGANIZATION SHALL BE TO EDUCATE THE GENERAL PUBLIC ABOUT ENVIRONMENTAL PRACTICES WHICH CAUSE HARM TO HUMAN HEALTH, THE ENVIRONMENT AND OTHER NATURAL RESOURCES; AND TO SEEK REDRESS OF THESE HARMS THROUGH LITIGATION OR ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION.

STATEMENT 7
FORM 990-EZ, PART III, LINE 28
STATEMENT OF PROGRAM SERVICE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

IN 2009 ECOLOGICAL RIGHTS FOUNDATION'S HUMBOLDT BAYKEEPER PROJECT CONTINUED ITS WATERSHED EDUCATION AND TRAINING PROGRAM IN HUMBOLDT COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS, PUBLISHED MONTHLY E-MAIL NEWSLETTERS AND REPORTS, EXPANDED ITS WATER QUALITY MONITORING PROGRAM IN HUMBOLDT BAY AREA WATERSHEDS, PURSUED CLEAN-UP OF POLLUTED INDUSTRIAL SITES, PARTICIPATED IN THE REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD'S DIOXIN WORKING GROUP, AND REPRESENTED CONSERVATIONIST STAKEHOLDERS IN THE MARINE LIFE PROTECTION ACT'S PROCESS OF DESIGNING MARINE LIFE RESERVES.

ECOLOGICAL RIGHTS FOUNDATION'S ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH, AWARENESS AND PROTECTION CAMPAIGN CONTINUED ITS SUCCESSFUL WORK TO REDUCE CONSUMER EXPOSURES TO TOXIC CHEMICALS. ERF'S RESEARCH AND ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS CONTINUED TO FOCUS ON THE REMOVAL OF LEAD FROM IMPORTED CONSUMER PRODUCTS AND THE ABATEMENT OF HUMAN HEALTH AND ECOLOGICAL RISKS FROM DIOXIN AND OTHER HIGHLY TOXIC CHEMICALS USED TO TREAT LUMBER AND UTILITY POLES.

ECOLOGICAL RIGHTS FOUNDATION CONTINUED TO SERVICE ITS PUBLIC INFORMATION WEB-SITE IN ENGLISH AND SPANISH AS WELL AS ITS HUMBOLDT BAYKEEPER INFORMATION WEB-SITE.

STATEMENT 8
FORM 990-EZ, PART V
REGARDING TRANSFERS ASSOCIATED WITH PERSONAL BENEFIT CONTRACTS

(A) DID THE ORGANIZATION, DURING THE YEAR, RECEIVE ANY FUNDS, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, TO PAY PREMIUMS ON A PERSONAL BENEFIT CONTRACT?	NO
(B) DID THE ORGANIZATION, DURING THE YEAR, PAY PREMIUMS, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, ON A PERSONAL BENEFIT CONTRACT?	NO

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FORM 990/990-PF																	
MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT																	
1	EQUIPMENT	7/01/98		300							300		S/L	5		0	
2	EQUIPMENT	7/01/99		494							494		S/L	7		0	
3	CAMERA & ELECTRONICS	7/01/02		2,910							2,910		S/L	7		206	
4	PALM COMPUTING	7/01/02		202							202		S/L	3		0	
5	FIELD EQUIPMENT	1/01/03		2,265							2,265		S/L	7		324	
6	ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT	1/01/03		5,376							5,376		S/L	7		768	
7	BOAT	10/01/04		82,687							82,687		S/L	15		5,512	
8	WATER SAMPLING EQUIPMENT	10/01/04		1,206							1,206		S/L	7		172	
9	COMPUTERS	12/01/04		5,127							5,127		S/L	3		0	
10	FILE CABINETS	12/15/04		815							815		S/L	5		149	
11	DIGITAL CAMERA & ACCES	3/31/05		2,916							2,916		S/L	7		417	
12	LAPTOP COMPUTER	11/11/05		1,508							1,508		S/L	5		302	
13	GPS UNIT (514-50022)	3/23/06		359							359		S/L	5		72	
14	SCANNER	5/02/06		1,081							1,081		S/L	5		216	
15	HP LJ 2605DN (CNB64K201)	6/27/06		500							500		S/L	5		100	
16	PROJECTOR-CN-OCF901-S0081	9/08/06		1,398							1,398		S/L	5		280	
17	USED COMPUTER	4/01/07		700							700		S/L	3		233	
18	SAMPLE STORAGE - REFRIG	6/20/08		306							306		S/L	5		61	
19	ADMIN COMPUTER	8/30/08		1,508							1,508		S/L	3		503	
20	MAC BOOK PRO	11/12/09		2,431							2,431		S/L	3		135	
TOTAL MACHINERY AND EQUIPME				114,089		0	0	0	0	0	114,089	44,449					9,450
TOTAL DEPRECIATION				114,089		0	0	0	0	0	114,089	44,449					9,450

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GRAND TOTAL DEPRECIATION																
				114,089		0	0	0	0	0	114,089	44,449				9,450