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Short Form
Return of Organization Exempt From Income TaxUnder 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

2009

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

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C
Northwest Fisheries Association
2208 NW Market Street #318
Seattle, WA 98107-4049

D Employer identification number

91-0757257

E Telephone number

(206) 789-6197

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) ►

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

I Website ► Northwestfisheries.org

J Tax-exempt status (check only one) — 501(c) (6) ▶ (insert no) 4947(a)(1) or 527K 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 ► \$ 281,233.

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	21,553.
2 Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	2	38,651.
3 Membership dues and assessments	3	145,453.
4 Investment income	4	2,428.
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 ► <input type="checkbox"/>	6a	73,148.
a Gross revenue (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1)	6b	32,605.
b Less direct expenses other than fundraising expenses	6c	40,543.
c Net income or (loss) from special events and activities (Subtract line 6b from line 6a)	7a	
7a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	7b	
b Less cost of goods sold	7c	
c Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)	8	
8 Other revenue (describe ► _____)	9	248,628.
9 Total revenue Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6c, 7c, and 8		
10 Grants and similar amounts paid (attach schedule)	10	16,000.
11 Benefits paid to or for members	11	
12 Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits	12	59,400.
13 Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors	13	1,500.
14 Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	14	7,116.
15 Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	15	4,310.
16 Other expenses (describe ► See Statement 2)	16	145,394.
17 Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16	17	233,720.
18 Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)	18	14,908.
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	175,007.
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	189,915.

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.)

- 22 Cash, savings, and investments
- 23 Land and buildings
- 24 Other assets (describe ► See Statement 3)
- 25 Total assets
- 26 Total liabilities (describe ► See Statement 4)
- 27 Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)

(A) Beginning of year	(B) End of year
214,933.	22 242,021.
	23
76,035.	24 64,984.
290,968.	25 307,005.
115,961.	26 117,090.
175,007.	27 189,915.

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Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments (See the instructions.)

Expenses

(Required for section 501(c)(3) and (4) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) trusts, optional for others)

What is the organization's primary exempt purpose? See Statement 5

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

28 See Statement 6

(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here

28a

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(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here

29a

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(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here

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31 Other program services (attach schedule)

(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here

31 a

32 Total program service expenses (add lines 28a through 31a)

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Part IV List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees. List each one even if not compensated. (See the instrs.)

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

	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.	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	39a	N/A
a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9	39b	N/A
b Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities		
40a Section 501(c)(3) organizations Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under section 4911 ► N/A , section 4912 ► N/A , section 4955 ► N/A	40a	N/A
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	
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.	40c	0.
d Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization ► 0.	40d	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 ► Northwest Fisheries Assn. Telephone no ► (206) 789-6197 Located at ► 2208 NW Market Street, #318 Seattle WA ZIP + 4 ► 98107-4049	42a	
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
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	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

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		
47		
48		
49a		
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
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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
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d 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.

Sign Here	► <i>Marilyn Klansnic</i>		11-10-10
	Signature of officer	Date	Manager
Paid Preparer's Use Only	Preparer's signature	► <i>Douglas Gold</i>	Date 11/10/10
	Firm's name (or yours if self employed), address, and ZIP + 4	Douglas Gold, CPA	Check if self employed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Preparer's Identifying Number (See instructions) 535-98-4739
	► 2208 NW Market St. Ste #208 Seattle, WA 98107	EIN 91-1648022	Phone no ►

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

► Yes No

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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 <u>Special Events</u> (event type)	(b) Event #2 (event type)	(c) Other Events (total number)	(d) Total Events (Add col (a) through col (c))
		73,148.			73,148.
1	Gross receipts	73,148.			73,148.
2	Less Charitable contributions				
3	Gross income (line 1 minus line 2)	73,148.			73,148.
4	Cash prizes				
5	Noncash prizes				
6	Rent/facility costs				
7	Food and beverages				
8	Entertainment				
9	Other direct expenses	32,605.			32,605.
10	Direct expense summary Add lines 4- through 9 in column (d)				32,605.
11	Net income summary Combine lines 3, column (d) and line 10				40,543.

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				
2	Cash prizes				
3	Non-cash prizes				
4	Rent/facility costs				
5	Other direct expenses				
6	Volunteer labor	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____ % <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____ % <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____ % <input type="checkbox"/> 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
 b An outside facility

	YES	NO
13a	%	
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?

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?
 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 ► \$ _____

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Federal Statements

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Northwest Fisheries Association

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Statement 1
Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 10
Grants and Similar Amounts Paid

Cash Amount Given:	\$ 16,000.
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Statement 2
Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16
Other Expenses

Advertising and Promotion	\$ 3,783.
Amortization	1,988.
Auto and Parking	1,079.
Bank Fees	740.
City Taxes	162.
Committee Meetings	1,114.
Conferences, Conventions, and Meetings	99,791.
Depreciation	1,164.
Directory Expense	7,581.
Home Office Expense	1,560.
Insurance	821.
Meals & Entertainment	250.
Meals & Entertainment	7.
Payroll Processing	947.
Payroll Taxes	4,917.
Programs	13,938.
Trustee Expense	5,552.
Total	<u>\$ 145,394.</u>

Statement 3
Form 990-EZ, Part II, Line 24
Other Assets

	Beginning	Ending
Accounts Receivable	\$ 70,890.	\$ 60,056.
Intangible Assets	2,981.	993.
Machinery and Equipment	2,164.	1,000.
Prepaid Expenses and Deferred Charges	0.	2,935.
Total	<u>\$ 76,035.</u>	<u>\$ 64,984.</u>

Statement 4
Form 990-EZ, Part II, Line 26
Total Liabilities

	Beginning	Ending
Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses	\$ 2,836.	\$ 5,740.
Deferred Revenue	113,125.	111,350.
Total	<u>\$ 115,961.</u>	<u>\$ 117,090.</u>

Statement 5
Form 990-EZ, Part III
Organization's Primary Exempt Purpose

To facilitate the exchange of trade information among seafood processors, brokers, distributors, and direct support companies in order to preserve and promote the vitality of the industry.

Statement 6
Form 990-EZ, Part III, Line 28
Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

Trade association of 176 Pacific Northwest primary and secondary seafood processors, seafood brokers and distributors, and direct-support industry member companies. The Association provides information and network opportunities to its members through meetings, which are held approximately 9 times per year, and through periodic circulars. Members also network through annual events, such as the golf tournament.

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Federal Supporting Detail

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Special Events
Other direct expenses
Special Events

Golf Tournament Expense	\$	29,470.
Auction Expense		3,135.
	Total \$	<u>32,605.</u>