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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)

OMB No 1545-1150

2009Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

► 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

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Skagitonians To Preserve Farmland
PO Box 2405
Mount Vernon, WA 98273-2405

D Employer identification number

91-1484503

E Telephone number

(360) 336-3974

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.skagitonians.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

► \$ 355,061.

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	281,070.
2	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	2	
3	Membership dues and assessments	3	
4	Investment income	4	4,198.
5a	Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory	5a	5,534.
5b	Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	5b	5,572.
5c		5c	-38.
6	Special events and activities (complete applicable parts of Schedule G). If any amount is from gaming, check here ☐		
6a	Gross revenue (not including \$ 54,050. of contributions reported on line 1)	6a	64,236.
6b	Less: direct expenses other than fundraising expenses	6b	28,464.
6c		6c	35,772.
7a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	7a	23.
7b	Less: cost of goods sold	7b	
7c		7c	23.
8	Other revenue (describe ►)	8	
9	Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6c, 7c, and 8	9	321,025.
10	Grants and similar amounts paid (attach schedule)	10	
11	Benefits paid to or for members	11	
12	Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits	12	186,930.
13	Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors	13	34,174.
14	Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	14	19,167.
15	Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	15	6,906.
16	Other expenses (describe ► See Statement 1)	16	138,388.
17	Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16	17	385,565.
18	Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)	18	-64,540.
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	525,678.
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	461,138.

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.)

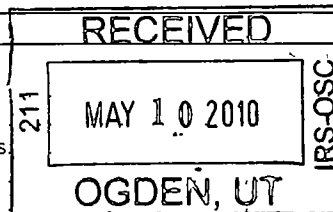
	(A) Beginning of year	(B) End of year
22 Cash, savings, and investments	472,372.	444,842.
23 Land and buildings		
24 Other assets (describe ► See Statement 2)	69,401.	27,922.
25 Total assets	541,773.	472,764.
26 Total liabilities (describe ► See Statement 3)	16,095.	11,626.
27 Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	525,678.	461,138.

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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		X
34 Were any changes made to the organizing or governing documents? 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 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?		X
b If 'Yes,' has it filed a tax return on Form 990-T for this year?		
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		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?		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?		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 WA		

42a The organization's books are in care of **Michele Onorato** Telephone no **(360) 336-3974**
 Located at **PO Box 2405 Mount Vernon WA** ZIP + 4 **98273-2405**

	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.

	Yes	No
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		X
47 Did the organization engage in lobbying activities? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule C, Part II		X
48 Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule E		X
49a Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization?		X
49b 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'

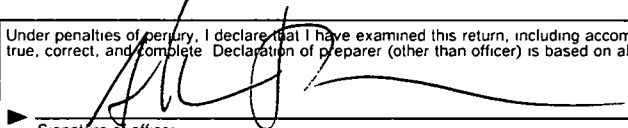
(a) Name and address of each employee paid more than \$100,000	(b) Title and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans and deferred compensation	(e) Expense account and other allowances
None				

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		Date <u>4/29/10</u>	
Paid Preparer's Use Only	Type or print name and title <u>ALLEN R. PEMA, Executive Director</u>			
	Preparer's signature	Date	Check if self-employed	Preparer's Identifying Number (See instructions)
	Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4 <u>Jones & Associates LLC, CPAS</u> <u>1701 NE 104th Street</u> <u>Seattle, WA 98125-7646</u>	<u>4/23/10</u>	☐	<u>N/A</u>
			EIN	Phone no ▶ <u>(206) 525-5170</u>

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

☒ Yes ☐ No

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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'.)	535,498.	364,663.	402,903.	530,348.	345,306.	2,178,718.
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to it or expended on its behalf						0.
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.						0.
4 Total. Add lines 1 through 3	535,498.	364,663.	402,903.	530,348.	345,306.	2,178,718.
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).						257,750.
6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4						1,920,968.

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	535,498.	364,663.	402,903.	530,348.	345,306.	2,178,718.
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	7,966.	7,869.	7,214.	5,727.	4,198.	32,974.
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						0.
10 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets. (Explain in Part IV.) See Part IV	9,039.	10,204.	4,133.	3,980.	5,557.	32,913.
11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10						2,244,605.
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions)					12	0.
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	85.6 %
15 Public support percentage from 2008 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	86.1 %
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'.)						
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						
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 through 5						
7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, 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 amount on line 13 for the year						
c Add lines 7a and 7b						
8 Public support. (Subtract line 7c from line 6.)						

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						
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 on 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.)						
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	%
16 Public support percentage from 2008 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16	%

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

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

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Supplemental Information Regarding Fundraising or Gaming Activities

Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' to Form 990, Part IV, lines 17, 18, or 19, or if the organization entered more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a.
▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. ▶ See separate instructions.

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Name of the organization

Skagitnians To Preserve Farmland

Employer identification number

91-1484503

Part I

Fundraising Activities. Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' to Form 990, Part IV, line 17. Form 990EZ filers are not required to complete this part.

- 1 Indicate whether the organization raised funds through any of the following activities. Check all that apply.

- | | |
|---|--|
| ☐ Mail solicitations | ☐ Solicitation of non-government grants |
| ☐ Internet and email solicitations | ☐ Solicitation of government grants |
| ☐ Phone solicitations | ☐ Special fundraising events |
| ☐ In-person solicitations | |

- 2a** Did the organization have written or oral agreement with any individual (including officers, directors, trustees or key employees listed in Form 990, Part VII) or entity in connection with professional fundraising services?

☐ Yes ☐ No

- b** If 'Yes,' list the ten highest paid individuals or entities (fundraisers) pursuant to agreements under which the fundraiser is to be compensated at least \$5,000 by the organization.

(i) Name of individual or entity (fundraiser)	(ii) Activity	(iii) Did fundraiser have custody or control of contributions?		(iv) Gross receipts from activity	(v) Amount paid to (or retained by) fundraiser listed in col (i)	(vi) Amount paid to (or retained by) organization
		Yes	No			
Total						

- 3 List all states in which the organization is registered or licensed to solicit funds or has been notified it is exempt from registration or licensing

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 Harvest Dinner (event type)	(b) Event #2 Ask Event (event type)	(c) Other Events 1 (total number)	(d) Total Events (Add col (a) through col (c))
REVENUE	1 Gross receipts	103,834.	8,950.	5,502.	118,286.
	2 Less Charitable contributions	43,100.	8,950.	2,000.	54,050.
	3 Gross income (line 1 minus line 2)	60,734.		3,502.	64,236.
DIRECT EXPENSES	4 Cash prizes				
	5 Noncash prizes				
	6 Rent/facility costs	2,229.			2,229.
	7 Food and beverages	4,079.	1,614.	1,000.	6,693.
	8 Entertainment	300.	300.		600.
	9 Other direct expenses	13,365.	81.	5,496.	18,942.
	10 Direct expense summary Add lines 4- through 9 in column (d)				28,464.
	11 Net income summary Combine lines 3, column (d) and line 10				35,772.

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))
DIRECT EXPENSES	1 Gross revenue				
	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				

	YES	NO
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 _____	9a	
10a Were any of the organization's gaming licenses revoked, suspended or terminated during the tax year? b If 'Yes,' explain _____	10a	
11 Does the organization operate gaming activities with nonmembers?	11	
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?	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 ▶ \$ _____

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Part II, Line 10 - Other Income

<u>Nature and Source</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>
Net Rental			5,250.	5,250.	5,314.
Sales of assets	5,534.	3,780.	-2,651.		
Sales of inventory	23.		1,067.	854.	1,275.
Other Revenue		200.	467.	4,100.	2,450.
Total	<u>\$ 5,557.</u>	<u>\$ 3,980.</u>	<u>\$ 4,133.</u>	<u>\$ 10,204.</u>	<u>\$ 9,039.</u>

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Statement 1
Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16
Other Expenses

Advertising and Promotion	\$	4,123.
Bank Fees		2,221.
Conferences, Conventions, and Meetings		910.
Depreciation		15,500.
Easement		86,600.
Equipment rental & maint.		6,638.
Events		8,700.
Insurance		2,602.
Meetings		464.
Membership		1,500.
Miscellaneous		10.
Office Expenses		4,792.
Subscriptions		694.
Telephone and Internet		2,592.
Travel		588.
Website		454.
Total	\$	<u>138,388.</u>

Statement 2
Form 990-EZ, Part II, Line 24
Other Assets

	<u>Beginning</u>	<u>Ending</u>
Accounts Receivable	\$ 2,129.	\$ 200.
Pledges Receivable	25,000.	700.
Prepays	2,250.	2,500.
Inventory	3,136.	3,136.
Equipment & Furniture - net	36,886.	21,386.
Total	\$ <u>69,401.</u>	\$ <u>27,922.</u>

Statement 3
Form 990-EZ, Part II, Line 26
Total Liabilities

	<u>Beginning</u>	<u>Ending</u>
0	\$ 16,095.	\$ 11,626.
Total	\$ <u>16,095.</u>	\$ <u>11,626.</u>

Statement 4
Form 990-EZ, Part III
Organization's Primary Exempt Purpose

Skagitonians to Preserve Farmland is a membership-based not-for-profit organization dedicated to preserving Skagit County's farmers, farming, and farmland.

Statement 5
Form 990-EZ, Part III, Line 28
Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

Skagitonians to Preserve Farmland 2009 Key Accomplishments

*Protected 26 acres of critical farmland immediately bordering the city limits of Mount Vernon, in partnership with Skagit County's Farmland Legacy Program (FLP). SPF's participation was made possible by the generous support of SPF members and supporters. At the September 2009 Celebrate Skagit Harvest Dinner & Auction, nearly 100 attendees raised \$58,800 to help protect this strategic piece of farmland. Two generous donations along with matching funds designated for land protection contributed to this successful effort.

Since 2008 SPF and the Farmland Legacy Program have partnered three times by leveraging public and private dollars to protect a total of 174 acres of Skagit Valley agricultural land along the I-5 corridor.

As partners in the protection of Skagit Valley agricultural lands, SPF and FLP maximize the protection of farmland from the threat of conversion and help farmers reinvest back into their farms, which supports the local and regional economy. SPF looks forward to many more years of working together with Skagit County and the support of our members to keep Skagit Valley farming.

*Collaborated successfully with FutureWise in their efforts to successfully advocate for the passage of House Bill 1967, which prohibits expansions of urban growth areas (UGAs) into 100-year floodplains. SPF staff and members played an important role by contacting their legislators to express support for this bill. Approximately 1,500 acres of farmland located in the 100-year floodplain are now protected from the threat of UGA expansion by the city of Mount Vernon.

Given that much of Western Washington's floodplains are also agricultural lands, the new law has a tremendous secondary benefit of protecting some of the best agricultural lands, including Skagit Valley's "coming home" view.

*Successfully negotiated a Settlement Agreement to mitigate the loss of farmland due to the construction of a private wetland mitigation bank. In March 2009 the SPF Board of Directors approved a precedent-setting agreement with Clear Valley, LLC, calling for the mitigation of about 396 acres of farmland slated for conversion to a wetland mitigation bank and the permanent prohibition of any future wetland mitigation banks on prime agricultural lands within Skagit County.

The settlement stipulates that over time \$1.45 million will be paid to Skagit County's Farmland Legacy Program to fund the purchase of development rights on agricultural lands to offset Clear Valley's conversion of farmland to a wetland mitigation bank. The settlement also calls for the permanent protection of 220 acres of farmland that Clear Valley still owns.

*Partnered the Skagit Conservation District, Washington State Conservation Commission, Skagit County and Thomas/Lanes & Associates to complete an Economic Analysis for the City of Burlington's Agricultural Heritage Credit Program.

*Partnered in hosting a community forum about the importance of supporting local food at the historic Lincoln Theater in Mount Vernon. The panel discussion was preceded by the showing of Good Food, a documentary about sustainable food and farming in the Pacific Northwest. The Lincoln Theater was at near capacity with 322 of the 501 seats sold for the event.

*Welcomed 44 new members to SPF through two successful membership House Parties, gift memberships and through the SPF web site.

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<u>Name and Address</u>	<u>Title and Average Hours Per Week Devoted</u>	<u>Compensation</u>	<u>Contribution to EBP & DC</u>	<u>Expense Account/ Other</u>
Allen Rozema PO Box 2405 Mount Vernon, WA 98273	Executive Direc 40.00	\$ 77,560.	\$ 0.	\$ 3,360.
Bob Hart PO Box 2405 Mount Vernon, WA 98273	President 3.00	0.	0.	0.
Darrin Morrison PO Box 2405 Mount Vernon, WA 98273	Vice President 3.00	0.	0.	0.
Peggy Flynn PO Box 2405 Mount Vernon, WA 98273	Treasurer 3.00	0.	0.	0.
John Roozen PO Box 2405 Mount Vernon, WA 98273	Secretary 3.00	0.	0.	0.
Earl Angevine PO Box 2405 Mount Vernon, WA 98273	Member 3.00	0.	0.	0.
Julie Blazek PO Box 2405 Mount Vernon, WA 98273	Member 3.00	0.	0.	0.
Wendy Pare PO Box 2405 Mount Vernon, WA 98273	Member 3.00	0.	0.	0.
Dave Hedlin PO Box 2405 Mount Vernon, WA 98273	Member 3.00	0.	0.	0.
Debra Inglis PO Box 2405 Mount Vernon, WA 98273	Member 3.00	0.	0.	0.
Tim Knue PO Box 2405 Mount Vernon, WA 98273	Member 3.00	0.	0.	0.
Janet McRae PO Box 2405 Mount Vernon, WA 98273	Member 3.00	0.	0.	0.

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Alan Mesman PO Box 2405 Mount Vernon, WA 98273	Past President 3.00	\$ 0.	\$ 0.	\$ 0.
Steve Sakuma PO Box 2405 Mount Vernon, WA 98273	Member 3.00	0.	0.	0.
Sandy Swartos PO Box 2405 Mount Vernon, WA 98273	Member 3.00	0.	0.	0.
Brian Waltner PO Box 2405 Mount Vernon, WA 98273	Member 3.00	0.	0.	0.
	Total	\$ <u>77,560.</u>	\$ <u>0.</u>	\$ <u>3,360.</u>