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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 \$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.

OMB No. 1545-1150

2009**Open to Public Inspection****A** For the 2009 calendar year, or tax year beginning July 1, 2009, 2009, and ending June 30, 20 10**B** Check if applicable:

- ☐ Address change
☐ Name change
☐ Initial return
☐ Terminated
☐ Amended return
☐ Application pending

Please use IRS label or print or type. See Specific Instructions.

C Name of organization

Recreational Fisheries Research Institute Inc

Number and street (or P.O. box, if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite

1040 Jameson Place

City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4

Covington, LA 70433

D Employer identification number

72-1475457

E Telephone number

504-415-7186

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.rodreal.com/rfri**J** Tax-exempt status (check only one) — ☐ 501(c) () ◀ (insert no.) ☐ 4947(a)(1) or ☐ 527**H** Check ☐ if the organization is not required to attach Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF).**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 ► \$ 24,580**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	18,398
	2	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	2	
	3	Membership dues and assessments	3	
	4	Investment income	4	
	5a	Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory	5a	
	5b	Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	5b	
	5c	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 ☐		
	6a	Gross revenue (not including \$ <u>498</u> of contributions reported on line 1)	6a	5182
	6b	Less: direct expenses other than fundraising expenses	6b	5182
6c	Net income or (loss) from special events and activities (Subtract line 6b from line 6a)	6c	0	
7a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	7a		
7b	Less: cost of goods sold	7b		
7c	Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)	7c		
8	Other revenue (describe ► <u>Lease Income</u>)	8	1,000	
9	Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6c, 7c, and 8	9	19,398	
Expenses	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	
	13	Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors	13	
	14	Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	14	
	15	Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	15	
	16	Other expenses (describe ► <u>Attached Schedule</u>)	16	25,374
17	Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16	17	25,374	
Net Assets	18	Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)	18	(5,976)
	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	95,505
	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	89,529

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	1,304	22 2,264
23 Land and buildings	109,816	23 105,551
24 Other assets (describe ► <u>Attached Schedule</u>)	7,929	24 8,496
25 Total assets	119,049	25 116,311
26 Total liabilities (describe ► <u>Attached Schedule</u>)	23,544	26 26,782
27 Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	95,505	27 89,529

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Expenses

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

28	Artificial Reef Program - Attached		
	(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here	28a	8,196
29	Marine Sport Fish Tagging Program - Attached		
	(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here	29a	7,562
30	Social Economic Survey Program - Attached		
	(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here	30a	0
31	Other program services (attach schedule)		
	(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here	31a	0
32	Total program service expenses (add lines 28a through 31a)	32	15,758

(a) Name and address

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Part V Other Information (Note the statement requirements in the instructions 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	☒
34 Were any changes made to the organizing or governing documents? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the changes	34	☒
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	☒
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	
37a Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions. ► 37a	37b	☒
b Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?	37b	☒
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	☒
b If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved	38b	
39 Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:		
a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9	39a	
b Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities	39b	
40a Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under: section 4911 ► <u>0</u> ; section 4912 ► <u>0</u> ; section 4955 ► <u>0</u>		
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		<u>0</u>
d Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization		<u>0</u>
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	☒
41 List the states with which a copy of this return is filed. ► Louisiana		
42a The organization's books are in care of ► Ralph V Pausina Telephone no. ► 504-831-0176		
Located at ► 1339 Carrollton Avenue Metairie, LA ZIP + 4 ► 70005-1860		
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	☒
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	☒
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	☐
44 Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ	44	☒
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	☒

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	46	☒
47 Did the organization engage in lobbying activities? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II	47	☒
48 Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E	48	☒
49a Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization?	49a	☒
b If "Yes," was the related organization a section 527 organization?	49b	☐

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 & deferred compensation	(e) Expense account and other allowances
N/A				

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
N/A		

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 Patrick W Fitzmorris, Pres		Date		
Paid Preparer's Use Only	Preparer's signature Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4		Date	Check if self-employed ☐	Preparer's identifying number (See instructions) EIN ▶ 72-0905318 Phone no. ▶ 504-831-0176
	Pausina Services Inc 1339 Carrollton Avenue, Metairie, LA 70005				
May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions ▶ ☒ Yes ☐ No					

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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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Recreational Fisheries Research Institute Inc

Employer identification number

72 1475457

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 a 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 to carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2). See **section 509(a)(3).** Check the box that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 11e through 11h.
 - 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 it is a Type I, Type II, or Type III supporting organization, check this box ☐
 - g Since August 17, 2006, has the organization accepted any gift or contribution from any of the following persons?

	Yes	No
(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?	11g(i)	
(ii) A family member of a person described in (i) above?	11g(ii)	
(iii) A 35% controlled entity of a person described in (i) or (ii) above?	11g(iii)	
 - h Provide the following information about the supported organization(s).

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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 any "unusual grants.")	29,257	20,220	28,210	38,568	18,398	134,653
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 through 3	29,257	20,220	28,210	38,568	18,398	134,653
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)						34,114
6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4.						100,539

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	29,257	20,220	28,210	38,568	18,398	134,653
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources		1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	4,000
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						138,653
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	72.50 %
15 Public support percentage from 2008 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	70.81 %
16a 33⅓% support test—2009. If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33⅓% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ☒		
b 33⅓% support test—2008. If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33⅓% 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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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 8a.
▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. ▶ See separate instructions.

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

- | (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 | | | |
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| 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.

		(a) Event #1	(b) Event #2	(c) Other events	(d) Total events
		Fish Rodeo (event type)	(event type)	(total number)	(add col. (a) through col. (c))
Revenue	1 Gross receipts	5,680			5,680
	2 Less: Charitable contributions				
	3 Gross income (line 1 minus line 2)	5,680			5,680
Direct Expenses	4 Cash prizes	4,106			4,106
	5 Noncash prizes				
	6 Rent/facility costs				
	7 Food and beverages				
	8 Entertainment				
	9 Other direct expenses	1,076			1,076
	10 Direct expense summary. Add lines 4 through 9 in column (d) ▶				(5,182)
	11 Net income summary. Combine line 3, column (d), and line 10 ▶				498

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.

		(a) Bingo	(b) Pull tabs/instant bingo/progressive bingo	(c) Other gaming	(d) Total gaming (add col. (a) through col. (c))
Revenue	1 Gross revenue				
Direct Expenses	2 Cash prizes				
	3 Noncash 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 line 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:

- | | | |
|------------|---------------------------------------|---|
| 13a | The organization's facility | % |
| 13b | An outside facility | % |

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 contract 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 ▶ \$

Recreational Fisheries Research Institute

EIN: 72-1475457

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functional expenses Line 16

Internet/Website	\$280
Provisions	\$298
Supplies	\$1,864
Telephone	\$3,013
Postage	\$86
Occupancy	\$200
Equip Maint	\$915
Printing	\$0
Insurance	\$1,829
Meetings	\$325
Interest	\$1,060
Depr	\$11,844
Vehicle	\$3,660
	<u>\$25,374</u>

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Part II

Line 24

Schedule of Other Assets

Computer	\$900
Logo	\$900
Website	\$2,155
Security Equip	\$450
Magnetic Signs	\$425
Bilge Pump	\$91
Fiberglass Ice Chest	\$550
Reels & Rods	\$140
Database	\$500
Items for Distribution	\$1,338
Prizes	\$1,047
	<u>\$8,496</u>

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Part II Line 26 Schedule of Liabilities

SBA	\$8,170
Prepaid Items	\$16,000
VISA	\$1,612
Personal Loan	\$1,000
	<u>\$26,782</u>

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Schedule of Depreciation

Research Vessel 2	
Vessel	\$1,300
Engine	\$1,702
Trailer	\$450
Artificial Reef	\$2,980
Walkway	\$0
Pier	\$200
Research Station	\$2,687
Vehicle	\$1,728
Computer	\$520
Furn & Fixtures	\$277
	<u>\$11,844</u>

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Statement of Program Services Accomplishments

- a) **Artificial Reef Program** - The creation and monitoring of artificial reefs to reduce coastal erosion and restore hard bottom and essential fish habitats where it had previously existed.
- b) **A Marine Sport Fish Tagging Program** - Operating a tagging program into a scientifically and statistically sound marine sport fish tag and recapture program utilizing a diverse partnership, designed specifically to employ and educate anglers about the importance and need for management and conservation through their participation in the program.
- c) **Social/Economic Survey Program** - Conducting surveys to profile the population of anglers that participate in fishing rodeos in Louisiana and investigate the economic impacts of these recreational fishing rodeos on local, regional, and state economies of Louisiana.

Patrick W Fitzmorris

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