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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

2009

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► 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.

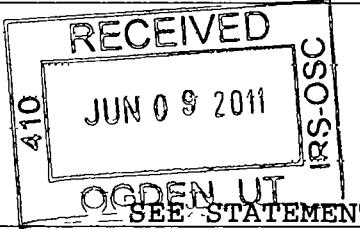
A For the 2009 calendar year, or tax year beginning AUG 1, 2009 and ending JUL 31, 2010

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Terminated <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Application pending	C Name of organization <b>NATIONAL ESTUARINE RESEARCH RESERVE ASSOCIATION, INC.</b>	D Employer identification number <b>22-3004888</b>
	Number and street (or P.O. box, if mail is not delivered to street address) <b>342 LAUDHOLM FARM ROAD</b>	Room/suite
	City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4 <b>WELLS, ME 04090</b>	E Telephone number <b>207-646-1555</b>
		F Group Exemption Number ►
		G Accounting method: <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accrual Other (specify) ►
		H Check ► <input type="checkbox"/> if the organization is not required to attach Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF)

- Section 501(c)(3) organizations and 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must attach a completed Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ)
- I Website: ► [WWW.NERRA.ORG](http://WWW.NERRA.ORG)
- 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 ► \$ **296,159.****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	1 234,172.
	2 Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	2 1,325.
	3 Membership dues and assessments	3 58,000.
	4 Investment income	4 1,989.
	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"/>	
	a Gross revenue (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1)	6a
	b Less: direct expenses other than fundraising expenses	6b
	c Net income or (loss) from special events and activities (Subtract line 6b from line 6a)	6c
	7a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	7a
	b Less: cost of goods sold	7b
	c Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)	7c
	8 Other revenue (describe ► <b>MISCELLANEOUS</b> )	8 673.
	9 Total revenue Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6c, 7c, and 8	9 296,159.
	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 84,370.	
13 Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors	13 31,929.	
14 Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	14 12,002.	
15 Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	15 3,579.	
16 Other expenses (describe ► <b>OGDEN UT SEE STATEMENT 1</b> )	16 37,600.	
17 Total expenses Add lines 10 through 16	17 169,480.	
18 Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)	18 126,679.	
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)	19 300,874.	
20 Other changes in net assets or fund balances (attach explanation)	20 -271.	
21 Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20	21 427,282.	

**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.)

Net Assets	(A) Beginning of year	(B) End of year	
	22 Cash, savings, and investments	22 245,435.	22 433,244.
	23 Land and buildings	23	
	24 Other assets (describe ► <b>SEE STATEMENT 2</b> )	24 166,988.	24 491,296.
	25 Total assets	25 412,423.	25 924,540.
	26 Total liabilities (describe ► <b>SEE STATEMENT 3</b> )	26 111,549.	26 497,258.
	27 Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	27 300,874.	27 427,282.

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

33 Did the organization engage in any activity not previously reported to the IRS? If "Yes," attach a detailed description of each activity  
 34 Were any changes made to the organizing or governing documents? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the changes  
 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.

Yes	No
33	X
34	X

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?  
 b If "Yes," has it filed a tax return on Form 990-T for this year?

35a	X
35b	N/A

36 Did the organization undergo a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or significant disposition of net assets during the year? If "Yes," complete applicable parts of Sch. N

36	X
37b	X

37a Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions. ► 37a 0.

38a	X
38b	N/A

b Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?  
 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?

39a	N/A
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.

40b	X
40c	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

40d	0.
40e	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

40f	0.
40g	X

d Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization

40h	0.
40i	X

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

41 List the states with which a copy of this return is filed. ► **NONE**

42a The organization's books are in care of ► **SCOTT ROCRAY** Telephone no. ► **207-646-1555**  
 Located at ► **342 LAUDHOLM FARM ROAD, WELLS, ME** ZIP + 4 ► **04090**

Yes	No
42b	X

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)?

42c	X
42d	0.

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.?

42e	0.
42f	X

If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: ► **See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts.**

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	0.
43	N/A

44 Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ

Yes	No
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
45	0.

45	0.
45	X

45	0.
45	X

45	0.
45	X

45	0.
45	X

45	0.
45	X

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**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

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."

	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
46	46	X
47	47	X
48	48	X
49a	49a	X
49b	49b	

(a) Name and address of each employee paid more than \$100,000  NONE	(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

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."

NONE

(a) Name and address of each independent contractor paid more than \$100,000	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation

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	Preparer's identifying number (See instr)
► PAUL DEST, TREASURER Type or print name and title			
Paid Preparer's Use Only	Preparer's signature	Date	Check if self-employed ► <input type="checkbox"/>
	► GELMAN, ROSENBERG & FREEDMAN 4550 MONTGOMERY AVE., SUITE 650 NORTH BETHESDA, MD 20814-2930		EIN ► <input type="checkbox"/> Phone no. ► <input type="checkbox"/> (301) 951-9090

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.

Name of the organization	NATIONAL ESTUARINE RESEARCH RESERVE ASSOCIATION, INC.	Employer identification number 22-3004888
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**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 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?

(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?

h Provide the following information about the supported organization(s)

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

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

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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")	488,535.	512,949.	354,797.	582,622.	234,172.	2,173,075.
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	488,535.	512,949.	354,797.	582,622.	234,172.	2,173,075.
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)						160,771.
6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4						2,012,304.

**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	488,535.	512,949.	354,797.	582,622.	234,172.	2,173,075.
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	562.	387.	565.	1,150.	1,989.	4,653.
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)			8,072.		673.	8,745.
11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10						2,186,473.
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc (see instructions)					12	202,741.

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	92.03	%
15 Public support percentage from 2008 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	98.61	%
16a 33 1/3% support test - 2009. If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization	► <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
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	► <input type="checkbox"/>		
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	► <input type="checkbox"/>		
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	► <input type="checkbox"/>		
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	► <input type="checkbox"/>		

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 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")						
2 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose						
3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						
4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
6 Total. Add lines 1 through 5						
7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons						
b Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of \$5,000 or 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 year 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 in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
12 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV)						
13 Total support (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12)						

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	►	<input type="checkbox"/>
b 33 1/3% support tests - 2008. If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 18 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization	►	<input type="checkbox"/>
20 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a, or 19b, check this box and see instructions	►	<input type="checkbox"/>

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### For Organizations Exempt From Income Tax Under section 501(c) and section 527

► Complete if the organization is described below.  
► Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. ► See separate instructions.

If the organization answered "Yes," to Form 990, Part IV, line 3, or Form 990-EZ, Part VI, line 46 (Political Campaign Activities), then

- Section 501(c)(3) organizations Complete Parts I-A and B. Do not complete Part I-C
- Section 501(c) (other than section 501(c)(3)) organizations Complete Parts I-A and C below Do not complete Part I-B.
- Section 527 organizations Complete Part I-A only

If the organization answered "Yes," to Form 990, Part IV, line 4, or Form 990-EZ, Part VI, line 47 (Lobbying Activities), then

- Section 501(c)(3) organizations that have filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)): Complete Part II-A. Do not complete Part II-B.
- Section 501(c)(3) organizations that have NOT filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)): Complete Part II-B. Do not complete Part II-A.

If the organization answered "Yes," to Form 990, Part IV, line 5 (Proxy Tax), then

- Section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) organizations Complete Part III

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**Part I-A** Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c) or is a section 527 organization.

- 1** Provide a description of the organization's direct and indirect political campaign activities in Part IV
- 2** Political expenditures
- 3** Volunteer hours

**Part I-B** Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3).

1 Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by the organization under section 4955  
2 Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by organization managers under section 4955  
3 If the organization incurred a section 4955 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year?  
4a Was a correction made?  
    b If "Yes," describe in Part IV

► \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
► \$ \_\_\_\_\_

<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No

**Part I-C** Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c), except section 501(c)(3).

1 Enter the amount directly expended by the filing organization for section 527 exempt function activities ► \$ \_\_\_\_\_

2 Enter the amount of the filing organization's funds contributed to other organizations for section 527 exempt function activities ► \$ \_\_\_\_\_

3 Total exempt function expenditures Add lines 1 and 2 Enter here and on Form 1120-POL, line 17b ► \$ \_\_\_\_\_

4 Did the filing organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?  Yes  No

5 Enter the names, addresses and employer identification number (EIN) of all section 527 political organizations to which payments were made For each organization listed, enter the amount paid from the filing organization's funds Also enter the amount of political contributions received that were promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization, such as a separate segregated fund or a political action committee (PAC) If additional space is needed, provide information in Part IV

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Schedule C (Form 990 or 990-EZ) 2009

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**Part II-A** Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3) and filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)).A Check ►  if the filing organization belongs to an affiliated groupB Check ►  if the filing organization checked box A and "limited control" provisions apply

## Limits on Lobbying Expenditures

(The term "expenditures" means amounts paid or incurred.)

1a Total lobbying expenditures to influence public opinion (grass roots lobbying)

b Total lobbying expenditures to influence a legislative body (direct lobbying)

c Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 1a and 1b)

d Other exempt purpose expenditures

e Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 1c and 1d)

f Lobbying nontaxable amount Enter the amount from the following table in both columns

If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:	The lobbying nontaxable amount is:
Not over \$500,000	20% of the amount on line 1e
Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000	\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000
Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000	\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000
Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000	\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000
Over \$17,000,000	\$1,000,000

g Grassroots nontaxable amount (enter 25% of line 1f)

h Subtract line 1g from line 1a. If zero or less, enter -0-

i Subtract line 1f from line 1c. If zero or less, enter -0-

j If there is an amount other than zero on either line 1h or line 1i, did the organization file Form 4720 reporting section 4911 tax for this year?

 Yes No

## 4-Year Averaging Period Under Section 501(h)

(Some organizations that made a section 501(h) election do not have to complete all of the five columns below. See the instructions for lines 2a through 2f on page 4.)

## Lobbying Expenditures During 4-Year Averaging Period

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2006	(b) 2007	(c) 2008	(d) 2009	(e) Total
2a Lobbying nontaxable amount					
b Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 2a, column(e))					
c Total lobbying expenditures					
d Grassroots nontaxable amount					
e Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line 2d, column (e))					
f Grassroots lobbying expenditures					

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**Part II-B** Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3) and has NOT filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)).

	(a)		(b)
	Yes	No	Amount
1 During the year, did the filing organization attempt to influence foreign, national, state or local legislation, including any attempt to influence public opinion on a legislative matter or referendum, through the use of?			
a Volunteers?	X		
b Paid staff or management (include compensation in expenses reported on lines 1c through 1i)?	X		
c Media advertisements?		X	
d Mailings to members, legislators, or the public?		X	
e Publications, or published or broadcast statements?	X		286.
f Grants to other organizations for lobbying purposes?		X	
g Direct contact with legislators, their staffs, government officials, or a legislative body?	X		2,949.
h Rallies, demonstrations, seminars, conventions, speeches, lectures, or any similar means?		X	
i Other activities? If "Yes," describe in Part IV		X	
j Total Add lines 1c through 1i			3,235.
2a Did the activities in line 1 cause the organization to be not described in section 501(c)(3)?		X	
b If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred under section 4912			
c If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred by organization managers under section 4912			
d If the filing organization incurred a section 4912 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year?			

**Part III-A** Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(4), section 501(c)(5), or section 501(c)(6).

	Yes	No
1 Were substantially all (90% or more) dues received nondeductible by members?	1	
2 Did the organization make only in-house lobbying expenditures of \$2,000 or less?	2	
3 Did the organization agree to carryover lobbying and political expenditures from the prior year?	3	

**Part III-B** Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(4), section 501(c)(5), or section 501(c)(6) if BOTH Part III-A, lines 1 and 2 are answered "No" OR if Part III-A, line 3 is answered "Yes."

1 Dues, assessments and similar amounts from members	1	
2 Section 162(e) nondeductible lobbying and political expenditures (do not include amounts of political expenses for which the section 527(f) tax was paid).		
a Current year	2a	
b Carryover from last year	2b	
c Total	2c	
3 Aggregate amount reported in section 6033(e)(1)(A) notices of nondeductible section 162(e) dues	3	
4 If notices were sent and the amount on line 2c exceeds the amount on line 3, what portion of the excess does the organization agree to carryover to the reasonable estimate of nondeductible lobbying and political expenditure next year?	4	
5 Taxable amount of lobbying and political expenditures (see instructions)	5	

**Part IV** Supplemental Information

Complete this part to provide the descriptions required for Part I-A, line 1, Part I-B, line 4, Part I-C, line 5, and Part II-B, line 1. Also, complete this part for any additional information

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FORM 990-EZ	OTHER EXPENSES	STATEMENT 1
DESCRIPTION		AMOUNT
TELEPHONE AND INTERNET		1,149.
TRAVEL		6,830.
PROFESSIONAL TRAINING		1,000.
INSURANCE		1,656.
SPONSORSHIPS AND MEMBERSHIPS		2,000.
WEBSITE		880.
LICENSES AND FEES		264.
MEETINGS AND CONFERENCES		501.
CONTRACT EXPENDITURES		21,951.
DEPRECIATION		413.
MISCELLANEOUS		325.
GIFTS		631.
TOTAL TO FORM 990-EZ, LINE 16		37,600.

FORM 990-EZ	OTHER ASSETS	STATEMENT 2
DESCRIPTION		BEG. OF YEAR
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE		15,265.
GRANTS AND CONTRACTS RECEIVABLE		149,628.
PREPAID EXPENSES		2,095.
INVESTMENTS		0.
OTHER DEPRECIABLE ASSETS		0.
TOTAL TO FORM 990-EZ, LINE 24		166,988.
		END OF YEAR
		2,988.
		134,976.
		1,663.
		350,000.
		1,669.

FORM 990-EZ	OTHER LIABILITIES	STATEMENT 3
DESCRIPTION		BEG. OF YEAR
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND ACCRUED LIABILITIES		13,065.
REFUNDABLE ADVANCE		16,643.
DEFERRED REVENUE		81,841.
TOTAL TO FORM 990-EZ, LINE 26		111,549.
		END OF YEAR
		15,676.
		481,582.
		0.
		497,258.

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FORM 990-EZ	OTHER CHANGES IN NET ASSETS OR FUND BALANCES	STATEMENT	4
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DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
PRIOR PERIOD ADJUSTMENT	-271.
TOTAL TO FORM 990-EZ, LINE 20	-271.

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FOOTNOTES	STATEMENT	5
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## SCHEDULE B: THE COLUMBUS FOUNDATION

DURING THE FISCAL YEAR 2009, THE ORGANIZATION RECEIVED A CONTRIBUTION FROM THE COLUMBUS FOUNDATION OF \$80,000. THIS AMOUNT WAS INADVERTENTLY OMITTED FROM THE 2008 FORM 990EZ BECAUSE IT WAS A LATE AUDIT ADJUSTMENT. THEREFORE, BECAUSE THE 2008 RETURN IS NOT BEING AMMENDED, THE DONATION HAS BEEN DISCLOSED ON THE CURRENT YEAR 990EZ.

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INFORMATION REGARDING TRANSFERS  
ASSOCIATED WITH PERSONAL BENEFIT CONTRACTS

STATEMENT 6

A) DID THE ORGANIZATION, DURING THE YEAR, RECEIVE ANY FUNDS, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, TO PAY PREMIUMS ON A PERSONAL BENEFIT CONTRACT? . . . . . [ ] YES [X] NO

B) DID THE ORGANIZATION, DURING THE YEAR, PAY PREMIUMS, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, ON A PERSONAL BENEFIT CONTRACT? . . [ ] YES [X] NO

FORM 990-EZ

PART IV - LIST OF OFFICERS, DIRECTORS,  
TRUSTEES AND KEY EMPLOYEES

STATEMENT 7

NAME AND ADDRESS	TITLE AND AVRG HRS/WK	COMPEN- SATION	EMPLOYEE BEN PLAN CONTRIB	EXPENSE ACCOUNT
REBECCA ELLIN	PRESIDENT 5.00	0.	0.	0.
JAIME KOOSER	PAST PRESIDENT 5.00	0.	0.	0.
DAVID RUPLE	VICE PRESIDENT 5.00	0.	0.	0.
PAUL DEST	TREASURER 2.00	0.	0.	0.
REBEKAH WALKER	SECRETARY 1.00	0.	0.	0.
SALLY MOREHEAD	BOARD MEMBER 1.00	0.	0.	0.
MIKE DELUCA	BOARD MEMBER 1.00	0.	0.	0.
PHIL MAIER	BOARD MEMBER 1.00	0.	0.	0.
SETH BLITCH	BOARD MEMBER 1.00	0.	0.	0.
BETH EBERSOLE	BOARD MEMBER 1.00	0.	0.	0.
WILLY REAY	BOARD MEMBER 1.00	0.	0.	0.
KIMBERLY COLE	BOARD MEMBER 1.00	0.	0.	0.
TERRY PALMISANO	BOARD MEMBER 1.00	0.	0.	0.
PETER WELLENBERGER	BOARD MEMBER 1.00	0.	0.	0.

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MICHAEL SHIRLEY	BOARD MEMBER 1.00	0.	0.	0.
BETSY BLAIR	BOARD MEMBER 1.00	0.	0.	0.
CARMEN GONZALEZ	BOARD MEMBER 1.00	0.	0.	0.
TERRY THOMPSON	BOARD MEMBER 1.00	0.	0.	0.
BOB STANKELIS	BOARD MEMBER 1.00	0.	0.	0.
WENDY ALLEN	BOARD MEMBER 1.00	0.	0.	0.
FRANK LOPEZ	BOARD MEMBER 1.00	0.	0.	0.
TERRY STEVENS	BOARD MEMBER 1.00	0.	0.	0.
GARY LYTTON	BOARD MEMBER 1.00	0.	0.	0.
BUDDY SULLIVAN	BOARD MEMBER 1.00	0.	0.	0.
MIKE GRAYBILL	BOARD MEMBER 1.00	0.	0.	0.
CLAY PHILLIPS	BOARD MEMBER 1.00	0.	0.	0.
ALISON LESCHEN	BOARD MEMBER 1.00	0.	0.	0.
L.G. ADAMS	BOARD MEMBER 1.00	0.	0.	0.
MATT MENASHES	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR 35.00	77,118.	1,137.	0.
TOTALS INCLUDED ON FORM 990-EZ, PART IV		77,118.	1,137.	0.

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STATEMENT 8

COOP 2005-2011: ON CLIMATE CHANGE, NERRA ASSISTED IN DEVELOPING AND PILOTING THE CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION WORKSHOP ORIGINALLY CREATED BY PADILLA BAY NERRA. NERRA PROVIDED ASSISTANCE TO SIX OTHER RESERVES IN THEIR CREATION OF A WORKSHOP; NERRA DEVELOPED A NEW PARTNERSHIP WITH THE AMERICAN PLANNING ASSOCIATION, AN ORGANIZATION WHOSE MISSION AND PURPOSE COMPLEMENTS CTP; NERRA ASSISTED EDUCATORS IN THE NO CHILD LEFT INSIDE INITIATIVE AT SEVERAL RESERVES, COORDINATING A WORKGROUP AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF A GLOSSY FACT SHEET; AND NERRA CONTINUED TO EXPAND AND BUILD THE CAPACITY OF THE FRIENDS AND FOUNDATION NETWORK.

COOP 09-13 YR 1: ON BEHALF OF RESERVE EDUCATORS AND CTP COORDINATORS, NERRA ESTABLISHED STRONG PARTNERSHIPS WITH THE NATIONAL SCIENCE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION AND THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION FOUNDATION. NERRA WORKED WITH RESTORE AMERICA'S ESTUARIES AND THE ASSOCIATION OF NATIONAL ESTUARY PROGRAMS TO IMPROVE COORDINATION OF NATIONAL ESTUARIES DAY; NERRA DEVELOPED PUBLIC RELATIONS MATERIALS (INCLUDING A 4-COLOR RACK CARD, POSTER, AND BANNER) FOR NATIONAL ESTUARIES DAY. NERRA COMPLETED THE REVISIONS TO THE FRIENDS AND FOUNDATION NETWORK DIRECTORY, AND CONTINUED TO FACILITATE COMMUNICATION AMONG THE MEMBERS OF THIS NETWORK. NERRA COMPLETED A KNOWLEDGE PAPER SUMMARY OF THE ESTUARINE HABITAT RESTORATION PRINCIPLES (DEVELOPED BY RESTORE AMERICA'S ESTUARIES). FINALLY, NERRA, IN COOPERATION WITH NOAA/ERD, BEGAN TO PLAN FOR THE 2010 ANNUAL MEETING, TO BE HELD IN SHEPARDSTOWN, WV. NERRA SOLICITED THE FIRST SCHOLARSHIP FOR THE LOIS YODER SWAIM MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP.

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STATEMENT 10

TO INSPIRE THE PROTECTION OF OUR NATION'S ESTUARIES AND TO PROMOTE  
CONSERVATION-BASED RESEARCH, EDUCATION, AND STEWARDSHIP THROUGH THE NATIONAL  
ESTUARINE RESEARCH RESERVE SYSTEM.