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Form 990

## Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

2012

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except black lung benefit trust or private foundation)

► The organization may have to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements

Open to Public Inspection

## A For the 2012 calendar year, or tax year beginning 01-01-2012, 2012, and ending 12-31-2012

B Check if applicable	C Name of organization NORTH DAKOTA PETROLEUM COUNCIL INC		D Employer identification number 45-0454738
<input type="checkbox"/> Address change	Doing Business As		
<input type="checkbox"/> Name change			
<input type="checkbox"/> Initial return	Number and street (or P O box if mail is not delivered to street address)	Room/suite	E Telephone number (701) 223-6380
<input type="checkbox"/> Terminated	PO BOX 1395		
<input type="checkbox"/> Amended return	City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4	BISMARCK, ND 58502	
<input type="checkbox"/> Application pending			G Gross receipts \$ 4,372,608

F Name and address of principal officer RON NESS PO BOX 1395 BISMARCK, ND 58502	H(a) Is this a group return for affiliates? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
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I Tax-exempt status <input type="checkbox"/> 501(c)(3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501(c) ( 6 ) ► (insert no) <input type="checkbox"/> 4947(a)(1) or <input type="checkbox"/> 527	H(b) Are all affiliates included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If "No," attach a list (see instructions)
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J Website: ► NDOIL.ORG	H(c) Group exemption number ►
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K Form of organization <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Trust <input type="checkbox"/> Association <input type="checkbox"/> Other ►	L Year of formation 1952	M State of legal domicile ND
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## Part I Summary

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities THE WILLISTON BASIN PETROLEUM CONFERENCE WAS A MAJOR ENDEAVOR WITH 4,100 PEOPLE ATTENDING THIS PROGRAM TOOK UP A SUBSTANTIAL PORTION OF THE STAFF TIME IN 2012 TO PROMOTE AND ENHANCE THE DISCOVERY, DEVELOPMENT, PRODUCTION, TRANSPORTATION, REFINING, CONSERVATION AND MARKETING OF OIL & GAS IN NORTH DAKOTA, SOUTH DAKOTA, AND THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGION		
2 Check this box ► if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets		
3 Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a) . . . . .	3	36
4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b) . . . . .	4	36
5 Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2012 (Part V, line 2a) . . . . .	5	8
6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary) . . . . .	6	400
7a Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12 . . . . .	7a	0
b Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34 . . . . .	7b	0

8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h) . . . . .	Prior Year	Current Year
9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g) . . . . .	122,500	20,000
10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d) . . . . .	837,763	4,144,608
11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	13,336	22,381
12 Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12) . . . . .	10,325	12,801
	983,924	4,199,790

13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3) . . . . .	0	350,000
14 Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4) . . . . .	0	0
15 Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10)	464,119	551,812
16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e) . . . . .	0	0
b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ► <sup>0</sup>		
17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e) . . . . .	445,076	1,707,819
18 Total expenses Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	909,195	2,609,631
19 Revenue less expenses Subtract line 18 from line 12 . . . . .	74,729	1,590,159

20 Total assets (Part X, line 16) . . . . .	Beginning of Current Year	End of Year
21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26) . . . . .	1,022,222	3,188,503
22 Net assets or fund balances Subtract line 21 from line 20 . . . . .	153,516	724,408
	868,706	2,464,095

## Part II Signature Block

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge

Sign Here	***** Signature of officer RON NESS PRESIDENT Type or print name and title	2013-07-30 Date
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Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name PATRICK J BROWN	Preparer's signature	Date 2013-07-30	Check <input type="checkbox"/> if self-employed	PTIN P00149579
	Firm's name ► BRADY MARTZ & ASSOCIATES PC			Firm's EIN ► 45-0310328	
	Firm's address ► PO BOX 1297 BISMARCK, ND 585021297			Phone no (701) 223-1717	

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? (see instructions) . . . . .  Yes  No

**Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments**Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part III **1** Briefly describe the organization's mission

THE NORTH DAKOTA PETROLEUM COUNCIL'S MISSION IS TO PROMOTE AND ENHANCE THE DISCOVERY, DEVELOPMENT, PRODUCTION, TRANSPORTATION, REFINING, CONSERVATION, AND MARKETING OF OIL AND GAS IN NORTH DAKOTA, SOUTH DAKOTA, AND THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGION, TO PROMOTE OPPORTUNITIES FOR OPEN DISCUSSION, LAWFUL INTERCHANGE OF INFORMATION, AND EDUCATION CONCERNING THE PETROLEUM INDUSTRY, TO MONITOR AND INFLUENCE LEGISLATE AND REGULATORY ACTIVITIES ON THE STATE AND NATIONAL LEVEL, AND TO ACCUMULATE AND DISSEMINATE INFORMATION CONCERNING THE PETROLEUM INDUSTRY TO FOSTER THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE PUBLIC AND INDUSTRY

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**2** Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on the prior Form 990 or 990-EZ?  Yes  No

If "Yes," describe these new services on Schedule O

**3** Did the organization cease conducting, or make significant changes in how it conducts, any program services?  Yes  No

If "Yes," describe these changes on Schedule O

**4** Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations are required to report the amount of grants and allocations to others, the total expenses, and revenue, if any, for each program service reported

**4a** (Code  ) (Expenses \$  including grants of \$  ) (Revenue \$  )  
 BIENNIAL WILLISTON BASIN PETROLEUM CONFERENCE - BAKKEN EDUCATION AND NETWORKING BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUR MEMBERSHIP AND BRINGING TOGETHER INDIVIDUALS AND BUSINESSES THROUGHOUT THE WORLD THAT ARE WORKING IN THE BAKKEN OIL REGION TO PROVIDED EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION AND TECHNOLOGIES

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**4b** (Code  ) (Expenses \$  including grants of \$  ) (Revenue \$  )  
 REGULATORY ISSUE DEVELOPMENT FOR OUR MEMBERS ON OIL AND GAS RELATED ISSUES RELATING TO PERMITTING, DRILLING, EXPORT CAPACITY, TRANSPORTATION, PRODUCTION, AND REFINING

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**4c** (Code  ) (Expenses \$  including grants of \$  ) (Revenue \$  )  
 EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS THROUGH OUR OIL CAN PROGRAM FOR THE MEMBERSHIP AND PUBLIC

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**4d** Other program services (Describe in Schedule O )  
 (Expenses \$  including grants of \$  ) (Revenue \$  )

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**4e** **Total program service expenses**

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**Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules**

**1** Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? If "Yes," complete Schedule A . . . . .

**2** Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, *Schedule of Contributors* (see instructions)?  . . . . .

**3** 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  . . . . .

**4** **Section 501(c)(3) organizations.** Did the organization engage in lobbying activities, or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II . . . . .

**5** Is the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization that receives membership dues, assessments, or similar amounts as defined in Revenue Procedure 98-19? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III  . . . . .

**6** Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any similar funds or accounts for which donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I . . . . .

**7** Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas, or historic structures? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II . . . . .

**8** Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III . . . . .

**9** Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21 for escrow or custodial account liability, serve as a custodian for amounts not listed in Part X, or provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV . . . . .

**10** Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in temporarily restricted endowments, permanent endowments, or quasi-endowments? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V . . . . .

**11** If the organization's answer to any of the following questions is "Yes," then complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable

**a** Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line 10? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI. . . . .

**b** Did the organization report an amount for investments—other securities in Part X, line 12 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII . . . . .

**c** Did the organization report an amount for investments—program related in Part X, line 13 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII . . . . .

**d** Did the organization report an amount for other assets in Part X, line 15 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX . . . . .

**e** Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X . . . . .

**f** Did the organization's separate or consolidated financial statements for the tax year include a footnote that addresses the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740)? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X . . . . .

**12a** Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI and XII . . . . .

**b** Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," and if the organization answered "No" to line 12a, then completing Schedule D, Parts XI and XII is optional . . . . .

**13** Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(II)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E . . . . .

**14a** Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States? . . . . .

**b** Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, investment, and program service activities outside the United States, or aggregate foreign investments valued at \$100,000 or more? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts I and IV . . . . .

**15** Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or assistance to any organization or entity located outside the United States? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts II and IV . . . . .

**16** Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or assistance to individuals located outside the United States? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts III and IV . . . . .

**17** Did the organization report a total of more than \$15,000 of expenses for professional fundraising services on Part IX, column (A), lines 6 and 11e? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I (see instructions) . . . . .

**18** Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II . . . . .

**19** Did the organization report more than \$15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III . . . . .

**20a** Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? If "Yes," complete Schedule H . . . . .

**b** If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return? . . . . .

	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>1</b>		No
<b>2</b>	Yes	
<b>3</b>		No
<b>4</b>		
<b>5</b>	Yes	
<b>6</b>		No
<b>7</b>		No
<b>8</b>		No
<b>9</b>		No
<b>10</b>		No
<b>11a</b>		No
<b>11b</b>		No
<b>11c</b>		No
<b>11d</b>		No
<b>11e</b>		No
<b>11f</b>		No
<b>12a</b>		No
<b>12b</b>		No
<b>13</b>		No
<b>14a</b>		No
<b>14b</b>		No
<b>15</b>		No
<b>16</b>		No
<b>17</b>		No
<b>18</b>		No
<b>19</b>		No
<b>20a</b>		No
<b>20b</b>		

**Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)**

21	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants and other assistance to any government or organization in the United States on Part IX, column (A), line 1? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II	21	Yes	
22	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants and other assistance to individuals in the United States on Part IX, column (A), line 2? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III	22		No
23	Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, line 3, 4, or 5 about compensation of the organization's current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees? If "Yes," complete Schedule J	23	Yes	
24a	Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than \$100,000 as of the last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? If "Yes," answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25	24a		No
b	Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?	24b		
c	Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds?	24c		
d	Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?	24d		
25a	<b>Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations.</b> Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I	25a		
b	Is the organization 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	25b		
26	Was a loan to or by a current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, highest compensated employee, or disqualified person outstanding as of the end of the organization's tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II	26		No
27	Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, substantial contributor or employee thereof, a grant selection committee member, or to a 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III	27		No
28	Was the organization a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties (see Schedule L, Part IV instructions for applicable filing thresholds, conditions, and exceptions)	28a		No
a	A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV	28b		No
b	A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV	28c		No
c	An entity of which a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee (or a family member thereof) was an officer, director, trustee, or direct or indirect owner? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV	29		No
29	Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M	30		No
30	Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M	31		No
31	Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I	32		No
32	Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II	33		No
33	Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301 7701-2 and 301 7701-3? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I	34		No
34	Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part II, III, or IV, and Part V, line 1	35a		No
35a	Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?	35b		
b	If "Yes" to line 35a, did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2	36		
36	<b>Section 501(c)(3) organizations.</b> Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2	37		No
37	Did the organization conduct more than 5% of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI	38	Yes	
38	Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11b and 19?			
	<b>Note.</b> All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O			

**Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance**

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part V

		Yes	No
<b>1a</b> Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096 Enter -0- if not applicable	<b>1a</b>	8	
<b>b</b> Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a Enter -0- if not applicable	<b>1b</b>	0	
<b>c</b> Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?	<b>1c</b>	Yes	
<b>2a</b> Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements, filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return	<b>2a</b>	8	
<b>b</b> If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns? <b>Note.</b> If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file (see instructions)	<b>2b</b>	Yes	
<b>3a</b> Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?	<b>3a</b>	No	
<b>b</b> If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O	<b>3b</b>		
<b>4a</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)?	<b>4a</b>	No	
<b>b</b> If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country See instructions for filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22 1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts			
<b>5a</b> Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?	<b>5a</b>	No	
<b>b</b> Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?	<b>5b</b>	No	
<b>c</b> If "Yes," to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T?	<b>5c</b>		
<b>6a</b> Does the organization have annual gross receipts that are normally greater than \$100,000, and did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible as charitable contributions?	<b>6a</b>	No	
<b>b</b> If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?	<b>6b</b>		
<b>7 Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).</b>	<b>7a</b>		
<b>a</b> Did the organization receive a payment in excess of \$75 made partly as a contribution and partly for goods and services provided to the payor?	<b>7b</b>		
<b>b</b> If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?	<b>7c</b>		
<b>c</b> Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?	<b>7d</b>		
<b>d</b> If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year	<b>7e</b>		
<b>e</b> Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?	<b>7f</b>		
<b>f</b> Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?	<b>7g</b>		
<b>g</b> If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?	<b>7h</b>		
<b>h</b> If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C?	<b>8</b>		
<b>8 Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds and section 509(a)(3) supporting organizations.</b> Did the supporting organization, or a donor advised fund maintained by a sponsoring organization, have excess business holdings at any time during the year?	<b>9a</b>		
<b>9 Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.</b>	<b>9b</b>		
<b>a</b> Did the organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?			
<b>b</b> Did the organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?			
<b>10 Section 501(c)(7) organizations.</b> Enter	<b>10a</b>		
<b>a</b> Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12	<b>10b</b>		
<b>b</b> Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities			
<b>11 Section 501(c)(12) organizations.</b> Enter	<b>11a</b>		
<b>a</b> Gross income from members or shareholders	<b>11b</b>		
<b>b</b> Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them)			
<b>12a Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts.</b> Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?	<b>12a</b>		
<b>b</b> If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year	<b>12b</b>		
<b>13 Section 501(c)(29) qualified nonprofit health insurance issuers.</b>	<b>13a</b>		
<b>a</b> Is the organization licensed to issue qualified health plans in more than one state? <b>Note.</b> See the instructions for additional information the organization must report on Schedule O	<b>13b</b>		
<b>b</b> Enter the amount of reserves the organization is required to maintain by the states in which the organization is licensed to issue qualified health plans	<b>13c</b>		
<b>14a</b> Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year?	<b>14a</b>	No	
<b>b</b> If "Yes," has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O	<b>14b</b>		

**Part VI Governance, Management, and Disclosure** For each "Yes" response to lines 2 through 7b below, and for a "No" response to lines 8a, 8b, or 10b below, describe the circumstances, processes, or changes in Schedule O. See instructions.

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part VI

### Section A. Governing Body and Management

			Yes	No
<b>1a</b> Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year	<b>1a</b>	36		
If there are material differences in voting rights among members of the governing body, or if the governing body delegated broad authority to an executive committee or similar committee, explain in Schedule O				
<b>b</b> Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are independent	<b>1b</b>	36		
<b>2</b> Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship or a business relationship with any other officer, director, trustee, or key employee?	<b>2</b>		No	
<b>3</b> Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors or trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person?	<b>3</b>		No	
<b>4</b> Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?	<b>4</b>		No	
<b>5</b> Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets?	<b>5</b>		No	
<b>6</b> Did the organization have members or stockholders?	<b>6</b>	Yes		
<b>7a</b> Did the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who had the power to elect or appoint one or more members of the governing body?	<b>7a</b>	Yes		
<b>b</b> Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body?	<b>7b</b>	Yes		
<b>8</b> Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following	<b>8a</b>	Yes		
<b>a</b> The governing body?	<b>8b</b>	Yes		
<b>b</b> Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?	<b>9</b>	No		
<b>9</b> Is there any officer, director, trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? If "Yes," provide the names and addresses in Schedule O				

### Section B. Policies (This Section B requests information about policies not required by the Internal Revenue Code.)

		Yes	No
<b>10a</b> Did the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?	<b>10a</b>	No	
<b>b</b> If "Yes," did the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with the organization's exempt purposes?	<b>10b</b>		
<b>11a</b> Has the organization provided a complete copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form?	<b>11a</b>	Yes	
<b>b</b> Describe in Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review this Form 990			
<b>12a</b> Did the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13	<b>12a</b>	Yes	
<b>b</b> Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?	<b>12b</b>	Yes	
<b>c</b> Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this was done	<b>12c</b>	Yes	
<b>13</b> Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy?	<b>13</b>	No	
<b>14</b> Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?	<b>14</b>	Yes	
<b>15</b> Did the process for determining compensation of the following persons include a review and approval by independent persons, comparability data, and contemporaneous substantiation of the deliberation and decision?	<b>15a</b>	Yes	
<b>a</b> The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official	<b>15b</b>	Yes	
<b>b</b> Other officers or key employees of the organization			
If "Yes" to line 15a or 15b, describe the process in Schedule O (see instructions)			
<b>16a</b> Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a taxable entity during the year?	<b>16a</b>	No	
<b>b</b> If "Yes," did the organization follow a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable federal tax law, and take steps to safeguard the organization's exempt status with respect to such arrangements?	<b>16b</b>		

### Section C. Disclosure

- 17 List the States with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed
- 18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Form 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (501(c) (3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you made these available. Check all that apply
 

Own website  Another's website  Upon request  Other (explain in Schedule O)
- 19 Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how), the organization made its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public during the tax year
- 20 State the name, physical address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the books and records of the organization
 

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## **Part VII: Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors**

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part VII

**Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees**

**1a** Complete this table for all persons required to be listed. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.

- List all of the organization's **current** officers, directors, trustees (whether individuals or organizations), regardless of amount of compensation. Enter -0- in columns (D), (E), and (F) if no compensation was paid
- List all of the organization's **current** key employees, if any. See instructions for definition of "key employee."
- List the organization's five **current** highest compensated employees (other than an officer, director, trustee or key employee) who received reportable compensation (Box 5 of Form W-2 and/or Box 7 of Form 1099-MISC) of more than \$100,000 from the organization and any related organizations
- List all of the organization's **former** officers, key employees, or highest compensated employees who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations
- List all of the organization's **former directors or trustees** that received, in the capacity as a former director or trustee of the organization, more than \$10,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.

List persons in the following order: individual trustees or directors, institutional trustees, officers, key employees, highest compensated employees, and former such persons.

Check this box if neither the organization nor any related organization compensated any current officer, director, or trustee.

Check this box if neither the organization nor any related organization compensated any current officer, director, or trustee.

**Part VII** **Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees (continued)**

**2** Total number of individuals (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization **1**

	Yes	No
3 Did the organization list any <b>former</b> officer, director or trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual</i>	3	No
4 For any individual listed on line 1a, is the sum of reportable compensation and other compensation from the organization and related organizations greater than \$150,000? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual</i>	4	Yes
5 Did any person listed on line 1a receive or accrue compensation from any unrelated organization or individual for services rendered to the organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such person</i>	5	No

## **Section B. Independent Contractors**

1 Complete this table for your five highest compensated independent contractors that received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.

**Part VIII Statement of Revenue**

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part VIII

		(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512, 513, or 514	
<b>Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts</b>	<b>1a</b> Federated campaigns . . . . .	<b>1a</b>				
	<b>b</b> Membership dues . . . . .	<b>1b</b>				
	<b>c</b> Fundraising events . . . . .	<b>1c</b>				
	<b>d</b> Related organizations . . . . .	<b>1d</b>				
	<b>e</b> Government grants (contributions)	<b>1e</b>				
	<b>f</b> All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	<b>1f</b>	20,000			
	<b>g</b> Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f \$					
	<b>h</b> <b>Total.</b> Add lines 1a-1f . . . . .		20,000			
<b>Program Service Revenue</b>	<b>2a</b> WILLISTON BASIN BIENNI	Business Code				
		541900	3,067,658	3,067,658		
	<b>b</b> DUES	900099	724,258	724,258		
	<b>c</b> SPONSORSHIP & REG FEES	541900	180,999	180,999		
	<b>d</b> TRIBAL BLM EMPLOYEE	900099	135,300	135,300		
	<b>e</b> COMMITTEE & SOCIAL MEE	900099	31,003	31,003		
	<b>f</b> All other program service revenue		5,390	5,390		
	<b>g</b> <b>Total.</b> Add lines 2a-2f . . . . .		4,144,608			
<b>Other Revenue</b>	<b>3</b> Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts) . . . . .		17,309		17,309	
	<b>4</b> Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds					
	<b>5</b> Royalties . . . . .					
	<b>6a</b> Gross rents	(i) Real	(ii) Personal			
	<b>b</b> Less rental expenses					
	<b>c</b> Rental income or (loss)					
	<b>d</b> Net rental income or (loss) . . . . .					
	<b>7a</b> Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities	(ii) Other			
<b>b</b> Less cost or other basis and sales expenses	174,138					
<b>c</b> Gain or (loss)	169,066					
<b>d</b> Net gain or (loss) . . . . .	5,072		5,072		5,072	
<b>8a</b> Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1c) See Part IV, line 18 . . . . .						
<b>a</b>	4,000					
<b>b</b> Less direct expenses . . . . .	<b>b</b>	3,752				
<b>c</b> Net income or (loss) from fundraising events . . . . .			248		248	
<b>9a</b> Gross income from gaming activities See Part IV, line 19 . . . . .	<b>a</b>					
<b>b</b> Less direct expenses . . . . .	<b>b</b>					
<b>c</b> Net income or (loss) from gaming activities . . . . .						
<b>10a</b> Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances . . . . .	<b>a</b>					
<b>b</b> Less cost of goods sold . . . . .	<b>b</b>					
<b>c</b> Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory . . . . .						
Miscellaneous Revenue		Business Code				
<b>11a</b> OTHER INCOME		900099	12,553		12,553	
<b>b</b>						
<b>c</b>						
<b>d</b> All other revenue . . . . .						
<b>e</b> <b>Total.</b> Add lines 11a-11d . . . . .		12,553				
<b>12</b> <b>Total revenue.</b> See Instructions . . . . .		4,199,790	4,144,608	0	35,182	

**Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses**

Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations must complete all columns All other organizations must complete column (A)

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part IX 

<b>Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.</b>	<b>(A) Total expenses</b>	<b>(B) Program service expenses</b>	<b>(C) Management and general expenses</b>	<b>(D) Fundraising expenses</b>
1 Grants and other assistance to governments and organizations in the United States See Part IV, line 21	350,000			
2 Grants and other assistance to individuals in the United States See Part IV, line 22				
3 Grants and other assistance to governments, organizations, and individuals outside the United States See Part IV, lines 15 and 16				
4 Benefits paid to or for members				
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	230,220			
6 Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)				
7 Other salaries and wages	263,420			
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)	7,019			
9 Other employee benefits	21,790			
10 Payroll taxes	29,363			
11 Fees for services (non-employees)				
a Management				
b Legal				
c Accounting	14,979			
d Lobbying				
e Professional fundraising services See Part IV, line 17				
f Investment management fees	17,583			
g Other (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O)	5,540			
12 Advertising and promotion	9,102			
13 Office expenses	36,205			
14 Information technology	11,347			
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy	30,089			
17 Travel				
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	83,463			
20 Interest				
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization				
23 Insurance	4,004			
24 Other expenses Itemize expenses not covered above (List miscellaneous expenses in line 24e If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O )				
a BIENNIAL WILLISTON BASI	774,447			
b OIL CANI PROGRAM	603,706			
c PUBLIC RELATIONS/TRAVEL	44,033			
d BLM HOSTED EMPLOYEES	26,854			
e All other expenses	46,467			
<b>25 Total functional expenses.</b> Add lines 1 through 24e	2,609,631			
<b>26 Joint costs.</b> Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720)				

**Part X Balance Sheet**Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part X 

		<b>(A)</b> Beginning of year	<b>(B)</b> End of year	
Assets	1 Cash—non-interest-bearing	495,098	<b>1</b>	543,723
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments	43,119	<b>2</b>	200,468
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net		<b>3</b>	
	4 Accounts receivable, net	60,000	<b>4</b>	571,200
	5 Loans and other receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees Complete Part II of Schedule L		<b>5</b>	
	6 Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B), and contributing employers and sponsoring organizations of section 501(c)(9) voluntary employees' beneficiary organizations (see instructions) Complete Part II of Schedule L		<b>6</b>	
	7 Notes and loans receivable, net		<b>7</b>	
	8 Inventories for sale or use		<b>8</b>	
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges		<b>9</b>	
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment cost or other basis Complete Part VI of Schedule D	<b>10a</b>		
	b Less accumulated depreciation	<b>10b</b>		<b>10c</b>
	11 Investments—publicly traded securities	424,005	<b>11</b>	1,873,112
	12 Investments—other securities See Part IV, line 11		<b>12</b>	
	13 Investments—program-related See Part IV, line 11		<b>13</b>	
	14 Intangible assets		<b>14</b>	
	15 Other assets See Part IV, line 11		<b>15</b>	
<b>16 Total assets.</b> Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)	1,022,222	<b>16</b>	3,188,503	
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	26,358	<b>17</b>	26,358
	18 Grants payable		<b>18</b>	
	19 Deferred revenue	127,158	<b>19</b>	698,050
	20 Tax-exempt bond liabilities		<b>20</b>	
	21 Escrow or custodial account liability Complete Part IV of Schedule D		<b>21</b>	
	22 Loans and other payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons Complete Part II of Schedule L		<b>22</b>	
	23 Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties		<b>23</b>	
	24 Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties		<b>24</b>	
	25 Other liabilities (including federal income tax, payables to related third parties, and other liabilities not included on lines 17-24) Complete Part X of Schedule D		<b>25</b>	
	<b>26 Total liabilities.</b> Add lines 17 through 25	153,516	<b>26</b>	724,408
Net Assets or Fund Balances	<b>Organizations that follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.</b>			
	27 Unrestricted net assets	868,706	<b>27</b>	2,464,095
	28 Temporarily restricted net assets		<b>28</b>	
	29 Permanently restricted net assets		<b>29</b>	
	<b>Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 30 through 34.</b>			
	30 Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds		<b>30</b>	
	31 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building or equipment fund		<b>31</b>	
	32 Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds		<b>32</b>	
	33 Total net assets or fund balances	868,706	<b>33</b>	2,464,095
	34 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	1,022,222	<b>34</b>	3,188,503

**Part XI Reconciliation of Net Assets**Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part XI 

1	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12) . . . . .	1	4,199,790
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25) . . . . .	2	2,609,631
3	Revenue less expenses Subtract line 2 from line 1 . . . . .	3	1,590,159
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A)) . . . . .	4	868,706
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments . . . . .	5	5,230
6	Donated services and use of facilities . . . . .	6	
7	Investment expenses . . . . .	7	
8	Prior period adjustments . . . . .	8	
9	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O) . . . . .	9	0
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	10	2,464,095

**Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting**Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part XII 

	Yes	No
1 Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990 <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain in Schedule O		
2a Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant? If 'Yes,' check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were compiled or reviewed on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both <input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis	2a	No
2b Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant? If 'Yes,' check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were audited on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both <input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis	2b	No
2c If "Yes," to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant? If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O	2c	
3a As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133? 3b If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why in Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits	3a	No
	3b	

## **SCHEDULE C**

(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

## Political Campaign and Lobbying Activities

## 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.

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Inspection**

If the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, Line 3, or Form 990-EZ, Part V, 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) or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 35c (Proxy Tax), then

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

Name of the organization

**NORTH DAKOTA PETROLEUM COUNCIL INC**

**Employer identification number**

45-0454738

**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?  Yes  No

**4a** Was a correction made?  Yes  No

**b** If "Yes," describe in Part IV

**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 the filing organization made payments 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

**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 group (and list in Part IV each affiliated group member's name, address, EIN, expenses, and share of excess lobbying expenditures)

**B** Check  if the filing organization checked box A and "limited control" provisions apply

<b>Limits on Lobbying Expenditures</b> (The term "expenditures" means amounts paid or incurred.)		<b>(a) Filing organization's totals</b>	<b>(b) Affiliated group totals</b>
<b>1a</b> Total lobbying expenditures to influence public opinion (grass roots lobbying)			
<b>b</b> Total lobbying expenditures to influence a legislative body (direct lobbying)			
<b>c</b> Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 1a and 1b)			
<b>d</b> Other exempt purpose expenditures			
<b>e</b> Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 1c and 1d)			
<b>f</b> Lobbying nontaxable amount Enter the amount from the following table in both columns			
<b>If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:</b>	<b>The lobbying nontaxable amount is:</b>		
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		
<b>g</b> Grassroots nontaxable amount (enter 25% of line 1f)			
<b>h</b> Subtract line 1g from line 1a If zero or less, enter -0-			
<b>i</b> Subtract line 1f from line 1c If zero or less, enter -0-			
<b>j</b> 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?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> 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.)**

<b>Lobbying Expenditures During 4-Year Averaging Period</b>					
Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	<b>(a) 2009</b>	<b>(b) 2010</b>	<b>(c) 2011</b>	<b>(d) 2012</b>	<b>(e) Total</b>
<b>2a</b> Lobbying nontaxable amount					
<b>b</b> Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 2a, column(e))					
<b>c</b> Total lobbying expenditures					
<b>d</b> Grassroots nontaxable amount					
<b>e</b> Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line 2d, column (e))					
<b>f</b> Grassroots lobbying expenditures					

**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)).**

For each "Yes" response to lines 1a through 1i below, provide in Part IV a detailed description of the lobbying activity.

	(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?				
b Paid staff or management (include compensation in expenses reported on lines 1c through 1i)?				
c Media advertisements?				
d Mailings to members, legislators, or the public?				
e Publications, or published or broadcast statements?				
f Grants to other organizations for lobbying purposes?				
g Direct contact with legislators, their staffs, government officials, or a legislative body?				
h Rallies, demonstrations, seminars, conventions, speeches, lectures, or any similar means?				
i Other activities?				
j Total Add lines 1c through 1i				
2a Did the activities in line 1 cause the organization to be not described in section 501(c)(3)?				
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	No
2 Did the organization make only in-house lobbying expenditures of \$2,000 or less?	2	No
3 Did the organization agree to carry over lobbying and political expenditures from the prior year?	3	No

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

1 Dues, assessments and similar amounts from members	1	724,258
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).	2a	49,834
a Current year	2b	
b Carryover from last year	2c	49,834
c Total	3	76,047
3 Aggregate amount reported in section 6033(e)(1)(A) notices of nondeductible section 162(e) dues	4	
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?	5	-26,213
5 Taxable amount of lobbying and political expenditures (see instructions)		

**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, Part II-A (affiliated group list), Part II-A, line 2, and Part II-B, line 1. Also, complete this part for any additional information

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation

**Schedule I  
(Form 990)**

## **Grants and Other Assistance to Organizations, Governments and Individuals in the United States**

**Complete if the organization answered "Yes," to Form 990, Part IV, line 21 or 22.**  
► [Attach to Form 990](#)

► Attach to Form 990

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Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization  
**NORTH DAKOTA PETROLEUM COUNCIL INC**

**Employer identification number**

## **Part I General Information on Grants and Assistance**

1 Does the organization maintain records to substantiate the amount of the grants or assistance, the grantees' eligibility for the grants or assistance, and the selection criteria used to award the grants or assistance? . . . . .  Yes  No

2 Describe in Part IV the organization's procedures for monitoring the use of grant funds in the United States

**Part II Grants and Other Assistance to Governments and Organizations in the United States.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 21, for any recipient that received more than \$5,000. Part II can be duplicated if additional space is needed.

**(a) Name and address of organization or government**      **(b) EIN**      **(c) IRC Code section if applicable**      **(d) Amount of cash grant**      **(e) Amount of non-cash assistance**      **(f) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)**      **(g) Description of non-cash assistance**      **(h) Purpose of grant or assistance**

(1) THEODORE ROOSEVELT MEDORA FOUNDATION PO BOX 198 MEDORA, ND 586450198	45-0397662	501(C)(3)	50,000	GENERAL OPERATIONS
(2) ND GEOLOGICAL SURVEY-FOSSIL RESTORATION 1016 E CALGARY AVE BISMARCK, ND 58503	45-0309764	GOVERNMENT ENTITY	150,000	FOSSIL RESTORATION FUND FOR PUBLIC
(3) ND GEOLOGICAL SURVEY FUND 1016 E CALGARY AVE BISMARCK, ND 58503	45-0309764	GOVERNMENT ENTITY	140,000	PUBLIC FUND PUBLIC FUND
(4) LEADERSHIP NORTH DAKOTA PO BOX 2222 BISMARCK, ND 585022222	46-1974149	501(C)(3)	10,000	START UP FUND

**Part III Grants and Other Assistance to Individuals in the United States.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 22.  
 Part III can be duplicated if additional space is needed.

(a) Type of grant or assistance	(b) Number of recipients	(c) Amount of cash grant	(d) Amount of non-cash assistance	(e) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(f) Description of non-cash assistance

**Part IV Supplemental Information.**

Complete this part to provide the information required in Part I, line 2, Part III, column (b), and any other additional information

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
SCHEDULE I, PART I, LINE 2		COUNCIL GRANTS/DONATIONS ARE APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND ARE PROVIDED ONLY TO 501 (C)(3) PUBLIC CHARITIES OR GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES FOR PUBLIC USE DOCUMENTATION IS OBTAINED FROM THE ORGANIZATIONS TO ENSURE THEY MEET ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

**Schedule J**  
(Form 990)**Compensation Information**

OMB No 1545-0047

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

For certain Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees  
**► Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, question 23.**  
**► Attach to Form 990. ► See separate instructions.**

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**Part I Questions Regarding Compensation**

**1a** Check the appropriate box(es) if the organization provided any of the following to or for a person listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a. Complete Part III to provide any relevant information regarding these items

<input type="checkbox"/> First-class or charter travel	<input type="checkbox"/> Housing allowance or residence for personal use
<input type="checkbox"/> Travel for companions	<input type="checkbox"/> Payments for business use of personal residence
<input type="checkbox"/> Tax indemnification and gross-up payments	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Health or social club dues or initiation fees
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discretionary spending account	<input type="checkbox"/> Personal services (e.g., maid, chauffeur, chef)

**b** If any of the boxes in line 1a are checked, did the organization follow a written policy regarding payment or reimbursement or provision of all of the expenses described above? If "No," complete Part III to explain

**2** Did the organization require substantiation prior to reimbursing or allowing expenses incurred by all officers, directors, trustees, and the CEO/Executive Director, regarding the items checked in line 1a?

**3** Indicate which, if any, of the following the filing organization used to establish the compensation of the organization's CEO/Executive Director. Check all that apply. Do not check any boxes for methods used by a related organization to establish compensation of the CEO/Executive Director, but explain in Part III

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compensation committee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Written employment contract
<input type="checkbox"/> Independent compensation consultant	<input type="checkbox"/> Compensation survey or study
<input type="checkbox"/> Form 990 of other organizations	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approval by the board or compensation committee

**4** During the year, did any person listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a with respect to the filing organization or a related organization

**a** Receive a severance payment or change-of-control payment?

**b** Participate in, or receive payment from, a supplemental nonqualified retirement plan?

**c** Participate in, or receive payment from, an equity-based compensation arrangement?

If "Yes" to any of lines 4a-c, list the persons and provide the applicable amounts for each item in Part III

**Only 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations only must complete lines 5-9.**

**5** For persons listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the revenues of

**a** The organization?

**b** Any related organization?

If "Yes," to line 5a or 5b, describe in Part III

**6** For persons listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the net earnings of

**a** The organization?

**b** Any related organization?

If "Yes," to line 6a or 6b, describe in Part III

**7** For persons listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization provide any non-fixed payments not described in lines 5 and 6? If "Yes," describe in Part III

**8** Were any amounts reported in Form 990, Part VII, paid or accrued pursuant to a contract that was subject to the initial contract exception described in Regulations section 53.4958-4(a)(3)? If "Yes," describe in Part III

**9** If "Yes" to line 8, did the organization also follow the rebuttable presumption procedure described in Regulations section 53.4958-6(c)?

	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>1b</b>	Yes	
<b>2</b>	Yes	
<b>4a</b>		No
<b>4b</b>		No
<b>4c</b>		No
<b>5a</b>		
<b>5b</b>		
<b>6a</b>		
<b>6b</b>		
<b>7</b>		
<b>8</b>		
<b>9</b>		

**Part II Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees.** Use duplicate copies if additional space is needed.

For each individual whose compensation must be reported in Schedule J, report compensation from the organization on row (i) and from related organizations, described in the instructions, on row (ii). Do not list any individuals that are not listed on Form 990, Part VII.

**Note.** The sum of columns (B)(i)-(iii) for each listed individual must equal the total amount of Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, applicable column (D) and (E) amounts for that individual.

(A) Name and Title	(B) Breakdown of W-2 and/or 1099-MISC compensation			(C) Retirement and other deferred compensation	(D) Nontaxable benefits	(E) Total of columns (B)(i)-(D)	(F) Compensation reported as deferred in prior Form 990
	(i) Base compensation	(ii) Bonus & incentive compensation	(iii) Other reportable compensation				
(1) RON NESS PRESIDENT	(i) 191,842 (ii) 0	0 0	0 0	25,885 0	12,493 0	230,220 0	0 0

**Part III Supplemental Information**

Complete this part to provide the information, explanation, or descriptions required for Part I, lines 1a, 1b, 3, 4a, 4b, 4c, 5a, 5b, 6a, 6b, 7, and 8, and for Part II  
Also complete this part for any additional information

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**SCHEDULE O**  
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service**Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ**

Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on  
Form 990 or to provide any additional information.  
► Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.

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	FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 6	THE COUNCIL CONSISTS OF ELIGIBLE BUSINESSES AND INDIVIDUALS WHO WORK IN THE PETROLEUM INDUSTRY IN NORTH DAKOTA
	FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 7A	ALL MEMBERS VOTE ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND CHANGES TO BY-LAWS
	FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 7B	THE BOARD MEMBERS VOTE ON CHANGES TO THE BY-LAWS
	FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 11	THE 990 IS REVIEWED BY THE PRESIDENT AND DISTRIBUTED TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD FOR REVIEW AND THEN EMAILED TO ALL BOARD MEMBERS BEFORE BEING FILED
	FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 12C	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND BOARD CHAIR MONITOR ANY POTENTIAL CONFLICTS AND ANNUALLY ALL BOARD MEMBERS ARE TO DISCLOSE ANY POTENTIAL OR ACTUAL CONFLICTS TO THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR HIS REVIEW AND ON-GOING MONITORING. IF A CONFLICT ARISES THE DIRECTOR ABSTAINS FROM THE DISCUSSION AND ANY VOTE THAT TAKES PLACE
	FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 15	THE PRESIDENT'S COMPENSATION IS DETERMINED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AFTER AN EVALUATION IS PERFORMED BY THE CHAIR, PAST CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR OF THE BOARD. ALL OTHER STAFF COMPENSATION IS DETERMINED BY THE PRESIDENT AFTER A REVIEW AND SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
	FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION C, LINE 19	THE GOVERNING DOCUMENTS, CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY, AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ARE MADE AVAILABLE ONLY UPON APPROVAL OF THE BOARD MEMBERS

**Additional Data**

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**Form 990, Part VII - Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors**

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)					(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W- 2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W- 2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee			
RICK ROSS PAST CHAIRMAN	1 00	X		X			0	0	0
JIM ARTHAUD BOARD MEMBER	1 00	X					0	0	0
LAWRENCE BENDER BOARD MEMBER	1 00	X					0	0	0
LYNN CAMPBELL BOARD MEMBER	1 00	X					0	0	0
KATHY NESET BOARD MEMBER	1 00	X					0	0	0
DICK BROSCHAT BOARD MEMBER	1 00	X					0	0	0
MIKE ARMSTRONG BOARD MEMBER	1 00	X					0	0	0
DAVID SCHARF BOARD MEMBER	1 00	X					0	0	0
JEFF HERMAN SECRETARY/TREASURER	1 00	X		X			0	0	0
MIKE MOELLER BOARD MEMBER	1 00	X					0	0	0
RYAN KOPSENG BOARD MEMBER	1 00	X					0	0	0
KEN LUFF BOARD MEMBER	1 00	X					0	0	0
BOB MAU BOARD MEMBER	1 00	X					0	0	0
LYNN MOSER BOARD MEMBER	1 00	X					0	0	0
CRAIG SMITH BOARD CHAIR	1 00	X		X			0	0	0
JOHN BERGER BOARD MEMBER	1 00	X					0	0	0
RYAN LEININGER BOARD MEMBER	1 00	X					0	0	0
NATHAN CONWAY BOARD MEMBER	1 00	X					0	0	0
ALLEN BOETTCHER BOARD MEMBER	1 00	X					0	0	0
MIKE CANTRELL BOARD MEMBER	1 00	X					0	0	0
DON KESSEL BOARD MEMBER	1 00	X					0	0	0
PERRY PEARCE BOARD MEMBER	1 00	X					0	0	0
GREG DOVER BOARD MEMBER	1 00	X					0	0	0
ERIC DILLE BOARD MEMBER	1 00	X					0	0	0
GREG HILTON BOARD MEMBER	1 00	X					0	0	0

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		Or director	Individual trustee	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee			
TERRY KOVACEVICH VICE-CHAIR	1 00	X		X			0	0	0
RUSSELL RANKIN BOARD MEMBER	1 00	X					0	0	0
STEVE PINE BOARD MEMBER	1 00	X					0	0	0
JIM POWERS BOARD MEMBER	1 00	X					0	0	0
DARWIN SUBART BOARD MEMBER	1 00	X					0	0	0
TAD TRUE BOARD MEMBER	1 00	X					0	0	0
MIKE ASHTON BOARD MEMBER	1 00	X					0	0	0
JIM GLENN BOARD MEMBER	1 00	X					0	0	0
MARK JOHNSRUD BOARD MEMBER	1 00	X					0	0	0
DAN LARSON BOARD MEMBER	1 00	X					0	0	0
DAVID MCKAY BOARD MEMBER	1 00	X					0	0	0
RON NESS PRESIDENT	60 00			X			191,842	0	38,378