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Form **990-EZ**

# Short Form

## Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code  
(except private foundations)

OMB No 1545-1150

**2014****Open to Public Inspection**Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

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**A For the 2014 calendar year, or tax year beginning****, 2014, and ending**

<b>B</b> Check if applicable: <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Final return/terminated <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Application pending	<b>C</b> Name of organization <b>SAVE OUR NATIVE SPECIES OF LAKE ERIE, INC.</b> Number and street (or P.O. box, if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite <b>PO BOX 3605</b> City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code <b>ERIE PA 16508-0605</b>	<b>D</b> Employer identification number <b>25-1611119</b>
		<b>E</b> Telephone number <b>(814) 453-2270</b>
		<b>F</b> Group Exemption Number . . . . .
<b>G</b> Accounting Method: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cash <input type="checkbox"/> Accrual Other (specify) ►	<b>H</b> Check <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> if the organization is not required to attach Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF).	
<b>I</b> Website: ► <a href="http://www.sonsoflakeerie.org">www.sonsoflakeerie.org</a>		
<b>J</b> Tax-exempt status (check only one) — <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501(c)(3) <input type="checkbox"/> 501(c)( ) (Insert no) <input type="checkbox"/> 4947(a)(1) or <input type="checkbox"/> 527		
<b>K</b> Form of organization <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Trust <input type="checkbox"/> Association <input type="checkbox"/> Other		
<b>L</b> Add lines 5b, 6c, and 7b to line 9 to determine gross receipts. If gross receipts are \$200,000 or more, or if total assets (Part II, column (B) below) are \$500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ. . . . . \$ <b>97,019.</b>		

**Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances** (see the instructions for Part I)Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part I ☒

<b>REVENUE</b>	<b>1</b> Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received . . . . .	<b>1</b>	69,546.
	<b>2</b> Program service revenue including government fees and contracts . . . . .	<b>2</b>	
	<b>3</b> Membership dues and assessments . . . . .	<b>3</b>	14,386.
	<b>4</b> Investment income . . . . .	<b>4</b>	31.
	<b>5 a</b> Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory . . . . . <b>5 a</b>		
	<b>b</b> Less cost or other basis and sales expenses . . . . . <b>5 b</b>		
	<b>c</b> Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a) . . . . . <b>5 c</b>		
	<b>6</b> Gaming and fundraising events		
	<b>a</b> Gross income from gaming (attach Schedule G if greater than \$15,000) . . . . . <b>6 a</b>		5,432.
<b>b</b> Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ <b>47,358.</b> of contributions from fundraising events reported on line 1) (attach Schedule G if the sum of such gross income and contributions exceeds \$15,000) . . . . . <b>6 b</b>		3,960.	
<b>c</b> Less direct expenses from gaming and fundraising events . . . . . <b>6 c</b>		23,078.	
<b>d</b> Net income or (loss) from gaming and fundraising events (add lines 6a and 6b and subtract line 6c) . . . . . <b>6 d</b>		-13,686.	
<b>7 a</b> Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances . . . . . <b>7 a</b>		1,664.	
<b>b</b> Less cost of goods sold . . . . . <b>7 b</b>		666.	
<b>c</b> Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a) . . . . . <b>7 c</b>		998.	
<b>8</b> Other revenue (describe in Schedule O) . . . . . <b>8</b>		2,000.	
<b>9</b> <b>Total revenue.</b> Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6d, 7c, and 8 . . . . . <b>9</b>		73,275.	
<b>EXPENSES</b>	<b>10</b> Grants and similar amounts paid (list in Schedule O) . . . . . <b>10</b>		9,500.
	<b>11</b> Benefits paid to or for members . . . . . <b>11</b>		
	<b>12</b> Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits . . . . . <b>12</b>		
	<b>13</b> Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors . . . . . <b>13</b>		750.
	<b>14</b> Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance . . . . . <b>14</b>		4,115.
	<b>15</b> Printing, publications, postage, and shipping . . . . . <b>15</b>		24,884.
	<b>16</b> Other expenses (describe in Schedule O) . . . . . <b>16</b>		26,171.
	<b>17</b> <b>Total expenses.</b> Add lines 10 through 16 . . . . . <b>17</b>		65,420.
<b>18</b> Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9) . . . . . <b>18</b>		7,855.	
<b>ASSETS</b>	<b>19</b> 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) . . . . . <b>19</b>		69,737.
	<b>20</b> Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O) . . . . . <b>20</b>		
	<b>21</b> Net assets or fund balances at end of year Combine lines 18 through 20 . . . . . <b>21</b>		77,592.

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<b>Part II</b>	<b>Balance Sheets</b> (see the instructions for Part II)
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Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part II

		(A) Beginning of year	(B) End of year
22	Cash, savings, and investments . . . . .	66,720.	22 73,154.
23	Land and buildings . . . . .	0.	23 0.
24	Other assets (describe in Schedule O) . . . . . INVENTORY/EQUIPMENT	7,542.	24 8,963.
25	<b>Total assets</b> . . . . .	74,262.	25 82,117.
26	<b>Total liabilities</b> (describe in Schedule O) . . . . . GRANTS PAYABLE	4,525.	26 4,525.
27	<b>Net assets or fund balances</b> (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21) . . . . .	69,737.	27 77,592.

<b>Part III</b>	<b>Statement of Program Service Accomplishments</b> (see the instructions for Part III)
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Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part III .

What is the organization's primary exempt purpose? NATURAL RESOURCE PRESERVATION & EDUCATION

Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses. In a clear and concise manner, describe the services provided, the number of persons benefited, and other relevant information for each program title

## Expenses

(Required for section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations, optional for others )

28	SPONSOR OF FISHING BOAT CHARTERS FOR VETERANS TO EDUCATE BOATING AND FISHING SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENT PRESERVATION		
	(Grants \$ 0. ) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here	28 a	1,108.
29	CO-SPONSOR OF ANNUAL SPRING CLEAN UP OF PRESQUE ISLE PENINSULA BEACHES AND PARKWAYS		
	(Grants \$ 0. ) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here	29 a	277.
30	OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF A FISH HATCHERY IN CO-OPERATION WITH PA FISH & BOAT COMMISSION TO INCREASE FISH SUPPLY FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC		
	(Grants \$ 500. ) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here	30 a	699.
31	Other program services (describe in Schedule O). . . . SEE ATTACHED		
	(Grants \$ 0. ) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here	31 a	8,805.
32	Total program service expenses (add lines 28a through 31a)	32	10,889.

**Part IV List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees** (list each one even if not compensated – see the instructions for Part IV)

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part IV.

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**Part V Other Information** (Note the Schedule A and personal benefit contract statement requirements in the instructions for Part V) Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part V ☐

	Yes	No
<b>33</b> Did the organization engage in any significant activity not previously reported to the IRS? If 'Yes,' provide a detailed description of each activity in Schedule O . . . . .	<b>33</b>	X
<b>34</b> Were any significant changes made to the organizing or governing documents? If 'Yes,' attach a conformed copy of the amended documents if they reflect a change to the organization's name. Otherwise, explain the change on Schedule O (see instructions) . . . . .	<b>34</b>	X
<b>35 a</b> Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year from business activities (such as those reported on lines 2, 6a, and 7a, among others)? . . . . .	<b>35 a</b>	X
<b>b</b> If 'Yes,' to line 35a, has the organization filed a Form 990-T for the year? If 'No,' provide an explanation in Schedule O . . . . .	<b>35 b</b>	
<b>c</b> Was the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization subject to section 6033(e) notice, reporting, and proxy tax requirements during the year? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule C, Part III . . . . .	<b>35 c</b>	X
<b>36</b> Did the organization undergo a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or significant disposition of net assets during the year? If 'Yes,' complete applicable parts of Schedule N . . . . .	<b>36</b>	X
<b>37 a</b> Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions . . . ▶ <b>37 a</b> 0.		
<b>b</b> Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year? . . . . .	<b>37 b</b>	X
<b>38 a</b> 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 tax year covered by this return? . . . . .	<b>38 a</b>	X
<b>b</b> If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved . . . . .	<b>38 b</b>	
<b>39</b> Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter . . . . .		
<b>a</b> Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9 . . . . .	<b>39 a</b>	
<b>b</b> Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities . . . . .	<b>39 b</b>	
<b>40 a</b> Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under section 4911 ▶ , section 4912 ▶ ; section 4955 ▶		
<b>b</b> Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year, or did it engage in an excess benefit transaction in a prior year that has not been reported on any of its prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part I . . . . .	<b>40 b</b>	X
<b>c</b> Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958. . . . . ▶		
<b>d</b> Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization . . . . . ▶		
<b>e</b> 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 . . . . .	<b>40 e</b>	X
<b>41</b> List the states with which a copy of this return is filed ▶		

<b>42 a</b> The organization's books are in care of ▶ <u>TERRY PFEFFER</u> Telephone no ▶ <u>(814) 474-2122</u> Located at ▶ <u>6959 JEFFERSON COURT</u> <u>FAIRVIEW</u> PA ZIP + 4 ▶ <u>16415</u>		
<b>b</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>42 b</b>	X
If 'Yes,' enter the name of the foreign country ▶		
See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR)		
<b>c</b> At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside the U.S.? . . . . .	<b>42 c</b>	X
If 'Yes,' enter the name of the foreign country ▶		

<b>43</b> Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of Form 1041 — Check here . . . . . ▶ <input type="checkbox"/> and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year . . . . . ▶ <b>43</b>		
<b>44 a</b> Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds during the year? If 'Yes,' Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ . . . . .	<b>44 a</b>	X
<b>b</b> Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities during the year? If 'Yes,' Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ . . . . .	<b>44 b</b>	X
<b>c</b> Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the year? . . . . .	<b>44 c</b>	X
<b>d</b> If 'Yes' to line 44c, has the organization filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If 'No,' provide an explanation in Schedule O . . . . .	<b>44 d</b>	
<b>45 a</b> Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? . . . . .	<b>45 a</b>	X
<b>b</b> 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,' Form 990 and Schedule R may need to be completed instead of Form 990-EZ (see instructions) . . . . .	<b>45 b</b>	X

- 46 Did the organization engage, directly or indirectly, in political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule C, Part I . . . . .

	Yes	No
46		X

**Part VI Section 501(c)(3) organizations only**

All section 501(c)(3) organizations must answer questions 47-49b and 52, and complete the tables for lines 50 and 51.

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part VI . . . . .

- 47 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 . . . . .

	Yes	No
47		X
48		X
49 a		X
49 b		

- 48 Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule E . . . . .

- 49 a Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? . . . . .

- b If 'Yes,' was the related organization a section 527 organization? . . . . .

- 50 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated employees (other than officers, directors, trustees and key employees) who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter 'None'

(a) Name and title of each employee	(b) Average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC)	(d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation	(e) Estimated amount of other compensation
NONE				

- f Total number of other employees paid over \$100,000 . . . . .

- 51 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated independent contractors who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter 'None.'

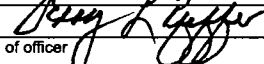
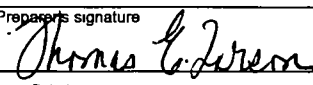
(a) Name and business address of each independent contractor	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
NONE		

- d Total number of other independent contractors each receiving over \$100,000 . . . . .

- 52 Did the organization complete Schedule A? **Note.** All section 501(c)(3) organizations must attach a completed Schedule A . . . . .

☒ Yes ☐ No

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.

<b>Sign Here</b>	Signature of officer 	Date <u>14 May 2015</u>			
	TERRY PFEFFER Type or print name and title				
<b>Paid Preparer Use Only</b>	Print/Type preparer's name Thomas E. Larson	Preparer's signature 	Date 05/14/15	Check <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> if self-employed	PTIN P00847790
	Firm's name ▶ Thomas E. Larson, Attorney			Firm's EIN ▶	
	Firm's address ▶ 2820 W. 23rd Street, Suite 101 Erie PA 16506			Phone no (814) 456-5160	

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

☒ Yes ☐ No

**SCHEDULE A**  
**(Form 990 or 990-EZ)**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

**Public Charity Status and Public Support**

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.

► Information about Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at [www.irs.gov/form990](http://www.irs.gov/form990).

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**2014**

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Inspection**

Name of the organization

SAVE OUR NATIVE SPECIES OF LAKE ERIE, INC.

Employer identification number

25-1611119

**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 in lines 11a through 11d that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 11e, 11f, and 11g.
- a ☐ **Type I.** A supporting organization operated, supervised, or controlled by its supported organization(s), typically by giving the supported organization(s) the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the directors or trustees of the supporting organization. **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and B.**
- b ☐ **Type II.** A supporting organization supervised or controlled in connection with its supported organization(s), by having control or management of the supporting organization vested in the same persons that control or manage the supported organization(s). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and C.**
- c ☐ **Type III functionally integrated.** A supporting organization operated in connection with, and functionally integrated with, its supported organization(s) (see instructions). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A, D, and E.**
- d ☐ **Type III non-functionally integrated.** A supporting organization operated in connection with its supported organization(s) that is not functionally integrated. The organization generally must satisfy a distribution requirement and an attentiveness requirement (see instructions). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and D, and Part V.**
- e ☐ Check this box if the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II, Type III functionally integrated, or Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organization.
- f Enter the number of supported organizations \_\_\_\_\_
- g Provide the following information about the supported organization(s)

(i) Name of supported organization	(ii) EIN	(iii) Type of organization (described on lines 1-9 above or IRC section (see instructions))	(iv) Is the organization listed in your governing document?		(v) Amount of monetary support (see instructions)	(vi) Amount of other support (see instructions)
			Yes	No		
(A)						
(B)						
(C)						
(D)						
(E)						
<b>Total</b>						

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Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ) 2014

**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 or if the organization failed to qualify under Part III. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part III.)

**Section A. Public Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2010	(b) 2011	(c) 2012	(d) 2013	(e) 2014	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any 'unusual grants') . . . . .	40,928.	48,089.	48,641.	69,729.	74,432.	281,819.
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 <b>Total.</b> Add lines 1 through 3 . . . . .	40,928.	48,089.	48,641.	69,729.	74,432.	281,819.
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) . . . . .						0.
6 <b>Public support.</b> Subtract line 5 from line 4 . . . . .						281,819.

**Section B. Total Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2010	(b) 2011	(c) 2012	(d) 2013	(e) 2014	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4 . . . . .	40,928.	48,089.	48,641.	69,729.	74,432.	281,819.
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources . . . . .	250.	75.	59.	33.	31.	448.
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 VI) . . . . .	1,320.	1,870.	2,150.	2,200.	2,000.	9,540.
11 <b>Total support.</b> Add lines 7 through 10 . . . . .						291,807.
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc (see instructions) . . . . .					12	47,426.
13 <b>First five years.</b> 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 <b>stop here</b> . . . . . ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>						

**Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage**

14 Public support percentage for 2014 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f)) . . . . .	14	96.58 %
15 Public support percentage from 2013 Schedule A, Part II, line 14 . . . . .	15	96.05 %
16a <b>33-1/3% support test — 2014.</b> If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and the line 14 is 33-1/3% or more, check this box and <b>stop here.</b> The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization . . . . . ▶ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
b <b>33-1/3% support test — 2013.</b> 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 <b>stop here.</b> The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization . . . . . ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>		
17a <b>10%-facts-and-circumstances test — 2014.</b> 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 <b>stop here.</b> Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the 'facts-and-circumstances' test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization . . . . . ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>		
b <b>10%-facts-and-circumstances test — 2013.</b> 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 <b>stop here.</b> Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the 'facts-and-circumstances' test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization . . . . . ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>		
18 <b>Private foundation.</b> 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"/>		

**Part VI** **Supplemental Information.** Provide the explanations required by Part II, line 10; Part II, line 17a or 17b; and Part III, line 12. Also complete this part for any additional information. (See instructions).

Pt II Ln 10 Other Income Part II, Line 10 Description: NEWSLETTER ADVERTISING 2010:  
1320. 2011: 1870. 2012: 2150. 2013: 2200. 2014: 2000.



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

► Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.

► Information about Schedule G (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at [www.irs.gov/form990](http://www.irs.gov/form990).

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2014

## Open to Public Inspection

Name of the organization

SAVE OUR NATIVE SPECIES OF LAKE ERIE, INC.

Employer identification number

25-1611119

## Part I

**Fundraising Activities.** Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' to Form 990, Part IV, line 17.

**Form 990-EZ filers are not required to complete this part**

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

- a** ☐ Mail solicitations  
**b** ☐ Internet and email solicitations  
**c** ☐ Phone solicitations  
**d** ☐ In-person solicitations  
**e** ☐ Solicitation of non-government grants  
**f** ☐ Solicitation of government grants  
**g** ☐ Special fundraising events

**2a** Did the organization have a written or oral agreement with any individual (including officers, directors, trustees or key employees listed in Form 990, Part VII) or entity in connection with professional fundraising services? ☐ Yes ☐ No

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

(i) Name and address of individual or entity (fundraiser)	(ii) Activity	(iii) Did fundraiser have custody or control of contributions?		(iv) Gross receipts from activity	(v) Amount paid to (or retained by) fundraiser listed in column (i)	(vi) Amount paid to (or retained by) organization
		Yes	No			
1						
2						
3						
4						
5						
6						
7						
8						
9						
10						
<b>Total</b> .....						

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

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**Part II Fundraising Events.** Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' to Form 990, Part IV, line 18, or reported more than \$15,000 of fundraising event contributions and gross income on Form 990-EZ, lines 1 and 6b. List events with gross receipts greater than \$5,000.

		(a) Event #1 ICE OUT (event type)	(b) Event #2 JANUARY RAFFLE (event type)	(c) Other events NONE (total number)	(d) Total events (add column (a) through column (c))
REVENUE	1 Gross receipts . . . . .	45,936.	6,084.		52,020.
	2 Less: Contributions . . . . .	36,544.	6,084.		42,628.
	3 Gross income (line 1 minus line 2). . . . .	9,392.	0.		9,392.
DIRECT EXPENSES	4 Cash prizes . . . . .		1,000.		1,000.
	5 Noncash prizes . . . . .	11,956.			11,956.
	6 Rent/facility costs . . . . .	3,889.			3,889.
	7 Food and beverages . . . . .	550.			550.
	8 Entertainment . . . . .				
	9 Other direct expenses . . . . .	2,405.	913.		3,318.
	10 Direct expense summary Add lines 4 through 9 in column (d) . . . . .				20,713.
	11 Net income summary Subtract line 10 from line 3, column (d) . . . . .				-11,321.

**Part III Gaming.** Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' to Form 990, Part IV, line 19, or reported more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a.

		(a) Bingo	(b) Pull tabs/Instant bingo/progressive bingo	(c) Other gaming	(d) Total gaming (add column (a) through column (c))
REVENUE	1 Gross revenue . . . . .				
	2 Cash prizes . . . . .				
	3 Noncash prizes . . . . .				
	4 Rent/facility costs . . . . .				
	5 Other direct expenses . . . . .				
DIRECT EXPENSES	6 Volunteer labor . . . . .	Yes _____ % No	Yes _____ % No	Yes _____ % No	
	7 Direct expense summary Add lines 2 through 5 in column (d) . . . . .				
	8 Net gaming income summary. Subtract line 7 from line 1, column (d) . . . . .				

9 Enter the state(s) in which the organization conducts gaming activities: \_\_\_\_\_

a Is the organization licensed to conduct gaming activities in each of these states? ☐ Yes ☐ No

b If 'No,' explain \_\_\_\_\_

10 a Were any of the organization's gaming licenses revoked, suspended or terminated during the tax year? ☐ Yes ☐ No

b If 'Yes,' explain: \_\_\_\_\_

- 11 Does the organization operate gaming activities with nonmembers? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- 12 Is the organization a grantor, beneficiary or trustee of a trust or a member of a partnership or other entity formed to administer charitable gaming? ☐ Yes ☐ No

13 Indicate the percentage of gaming activity conducted in

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

14 Enter the name and address of the person who prepares the organization's gaming/special events books and records:

Name ▶ \_\_\_\_\_

Address ▶ \_\_\_\_\_

15 a Does the organization have a contact with a third party from whom the organization receives gaming revenue? ☐ Yes ☐ No

b If 'Yes,' enter the amount of gaming revenue received by the organization ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ and the amount of gaming revenue retained by the third party ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

c If 'Yes,' enter name and address of the third party

Name ▶ \_\_\_\_\_

Address ▶ \_\_\_\_\_

16 Gaming manager information

Name ▶ \_\_\_\_\_

Gaming manager compensation ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Description of services provided ▶ \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Director/officer

☐ Employee

☐ Independent contractor

17 Mandatory distributions

a Is the organization required under state law to make charitable distributions from the gaming proceeds to retain the state gaming license? ☐ Yes ☐ No

b Enter the amount of distributions required under state law to be distributed to other exempt organizations or spent in the organization's own exempt activities during the tax year ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Part IV Supplemental Information.** Provide the explanations required by Part I, line 2b, columns (iii) and (v), and Part III, lines 9, 9b, 10b, 15b, 15c, 16, and 17b, as applicable. Also provide any additional information (see instructions).

**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 990-EZ or to provide any additional information.

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Pt III, Line 31    MAINTENANCE OF TWO SMALL PARKS WITH THE CO-OPERATION  
OF THE CITY OF ERIE TO PROVIDE A BEAUTIFUL GATEWAY  
WELCOMING VISITORS TO THE CITY'S WATERFRONT  
.  
MAINTENANCE OF A PUBLIC ACCESSIBLE WEB CAM OVERLOOKING  
LAKE ERIE AND THE BAYFRONT WHICH ENABLES THE PUBLIC  
TO VIEW WIND AND WAVE CONDITIONS FOR BOAT SAFETY  
.  
MAINTENANCE OF A WEBSITE TO PROVIDE INFORMATION  
TO THE PUBLIC AND ITS MEMBERS ABOUT THE ORGANIZATION'S  
ACTIVITIES AND ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES  
.  
PARTICIPATION IN VARIOUS ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS  
ATTENDED BY OVER 500 CHILDREN AND ADULTS, INCLUDING  
MILLCREEK YOUTH SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM, EARTH FORCE  
SUMMIT, FISH FOR FREE DAYS, WINTERFEST, DISCOVER  
PRESQUE ISLE, AUTUMN LEAF FESTIVAL, CASCADE CREEK  
CLEANUP DAY AND A FISH HABITAT PROJECT  
.  
CO-SPONSOR OF ICE FISHING CLINIC ON PRESQUE ISLE TO  
EDUCATE THE GENERAL PUBLIC ON ENVIRONMENTAL AND  
SAFETY ISSUES  
.  
SUPPLIER OF FISHING EQUIPMENT TO THE ERIE COUNTY LIBRARY  
FOR LENDING TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC  
.  
SPONSORS AN ANNUAL FISH FRY FOR THE LOCAL COMMUNITY  
LEADERS AND GROUPS OF EMPLOYEES INCLUDING THE POLICE,  
AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS AND OTHER CIVIC GROUPS

Schedule O (Form 990 or 990-EZ), Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ  
**Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 8 Other Revenue**

Other revenue (describe in Schedule O)

NEWSLETTER ADVERTISING 2,000.

Total 2,000.

Schedule O (Form 990 or 990-EZ), Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ  
**Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16 Other Expenses**

Other expenses (describe in Schedule O)

ADVERTISING 1,767.

DUES/PERMITS/SUBSCRIPTIONS 474.

MEETINGS 3,015.

ACTIVITIES 9,389.

INSURANCE 1,770.

SUPPLIES AND MISC 2,571.

ANNUAL VOLUNTEER PICNIC 5,628.

TRAVEL 1,500.

BANK CHARGES 57.

Total 26,171.

Schedule O (Form 990 or 990-EZ), Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ  
**Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 10 Grants and Similar Amounts Paid**

Purpose of Payment . . . . . OUTDOOR ENVIRONMENTAL EXPERIENCE FOR STUDENTS

Class of Activity	Grantee's Name and Address	Grantee's Relationship	Amount Given
GRANT	Business . . . <input type="checkbox"/> Person . . . . . <input type="checkbox"/> ERIE ALLEGHENY EARTH FORCE		1,000.

If property other than cash was given, the following additional information needs to be provided:

Description of Property . . . . .

Date of Gift . . . . .

Book Value	How Book Value Determined
FMV	How FMV Determined

Schedule O (Form 990 or 990-EZ), Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ  
Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 10 Grants and Similar Amounts Paid

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Purpose of Payment . . . . . FOR MAINTENANCE OF RING BUOYS ON DOCKS OF LAKE ERIE

Class of Activity	Grantee's Name and Address	Grantee's Relationship	Amount Given
GRANT	Business . . . <input type="checkbox"/> Person . . . . . <input type="checkbox"/> REGIONAL SCIENCE CONSORTIUM		
			3,000.

If property other than cash was given, the following additional information needs to be provided.

Description of Property . . . . .

Date of Gift . . . . .

Book Value	How Book Value Determined
FMV	How FMV Determined

Purpose of Payment . . . . . PRESERVATION OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Class of Activity	Grantee's Name and Address	Grantee's Relationship	Amount Given
GRANT	Business . . . <input type="checkbox"/> Person . . . . . <input type="checkbox"/> HEADWATERS NATURAL RESOURCE TRUST		
			200.

If property other than cash was given, the following additional information needs to be provided.

Description of Property . . . . .

Date of Gift . . . . .

Book Value	How Book Value Determined
FMV	How FMV Determined

Purpose of Payment . . . . . TO PURCHASE SCUBA GEAR FOR PERSONNEL

Class of Activity	Grantee's Name and Address	Grantee's Relationship	Amount Given
DONATION	Business . . . <input type="checkbox"/> Person . . . . . <input type="checkbox"/> BELLE VALLEY VOL FIRE DEPT		
			250.

If property other than cash was given, the following additional information needs to be provided:

Description of Property . . . . .

Date of Gift . . . . .

Book Value	How Book Value Determined
FMV	How FMV Determined

Schedule O (Form 990 or 990-EZ), Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ  
**Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 10 Grants and Similar Amounts Paid**

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Purpose of Payment . . . . . TO PURCHASE FISH FOOD

Class of Activity	Grantee's Name and Address	Grantee's Relationship	Amount Given
<u>DONATION</u>	Business . . . . <input type="checkbox"/> Person . . . . . <input type="checkbox"/> <u>ALBION SPORTSMENS CLUB</u>		
			400.

If property other than cash was given, the following additional information needs to be provided.

Description of Property . . . . .

Date of Gift . . . . .

Book Value	How Book Value Determined
FMV	How FMV Determined

Purpose of Payment . . . . . TO PURCHASE FISH FOOD

Class of Activity	Grantee's Name and Address	Grantee's Relationship	Amount Given
<u>DONATION</u>	Business . . . . <input type="checkbox"/> Person . . . . . <input type="checkbox"/> <u>FARNSWORTH TROUT CLUB</u>		
			400.

If property other than cash was given, the following additional information needs to be provided.

Description of Property . . . . .

Date of Gift . . . . .

Book Value	How Book Value Determined
FMV	How FMV Determined

Purpose of Payment . . . . . FOR MAINTENACE OF FISH STOCK TANK

Class of Activity	Grantee's Name and Address	Grantee's Relationship	Amount Given
<u>DONATION</u>	Business . . . . <input type="checkbox"/> Person . . . . . <input type="checkbox"/> <u>LAUREL CONSERVATION CLUB</u>		
			400.

If property other than cash was given, the following additional information needs to be provided:

Description of Property . . . . .

Date of Gift . . . . .

Book Value	How Book Value Determined
FMV	How FMV Determined

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

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Purpose of Payment . . . . . TO PURCHASE FISH FOOD

Class of Activity	Grantee's Name and Address	Grantee's Relationship	Amount Given
DONATION	Business . . . . <input type="checkbox"/> Person . . . . . <input type="checkbox"/> MARIENVILLE ROD & GUN CLUB		
			400.

If property other than cash was given, the following additional information needs to be provided.

Description of Property . . . . .

Date of Gift . . . . .

Book Value	How Book Value Determined
FMV	How FMV Determined

Purpose of Payment . . . . . TO PURCHASE SUPPLIES FOR FISH TANKS

Class of Activity	Grantee's Name and Address	Grantee's Relationship	Amount Given
DONATION	Business . . . . <input type="checkbox"/> Person . . . . . <input type="checkbox"/> NESHANNOCK CHAPTER T U		
			400.

If property other than cash was given, the following additional information needs to be provided

Description of Property . . . . .

Date of Gift . . . . .

Book Value	How Book Value Determined
FMV	How FMV Determined

Purpose of Payment . . . . . CO-SPONSOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL EVENT

Class of Activity	Grantee's Name and Address	Grantee's Relationship	Amount Given
DONATION	Business . . . . <input type="checkbox"/> Person . . . . . <input type="checkbox"/> ERIE CO YOUTH FIELD DAYS		
			250.

If property other than cash was given, the following additional information needs to be provided:

Description of Property . . . . .

Date of Gift . . . . .

Book Value	How Book Value Determined
FMV	How FMV Determined



Schedule O (Form 990 or 990-EZ), Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ  
Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 10 Grants and Similar Amounts Paid

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Purpose of Payment . . . . . TO PURCHASE FRUIT BASKET FOR NEIGHBORS OF STREAM

Class of Activity	Grantee's Name and Address	Grantee's Relationship	Amount Given
DONATION	Business . . . . <input type="checkbox"/> Person . . . . . <input type="checkbox"/> PA STEELHEAD ASSN		
			300.

If property other than cash was given, the following additional information needs to be provided:

Description of Property . . . . .

Date of Gift . . . . .

Book Value	How Book Value Determined
FMV	How FMV Determined

Purpose of Payment . . . . . CO-SPONSOR OF OUTDOOR ENVIRONMENTAL EVENT

Class of Activity	Grantee's Name and Address	Grantee's Relationship	Amount Given
DONATION	Business . . . . <input type="checkbox"/> Person . . . . . <input type="checkbox"/> ZEM ZEM SPORTSMEN'S SPECTACULAR		
			300.

If property other than cash was given, the following additional information needs to be provided:

Description of Property . . . . .

Date of Gift . . . . .

Book Value	How Book Value Determined
FMV	How FMV Determined

Purpose of Payment . . . . . CO-SPONSOR OF "ENVIROTHON" EVENT

Class of Activity	Grantee's Name and Address	Grantee's Relationship	Amount Given
DONATION	Business . . . . <input type="checkbox"/> Person . . . . . <input type="checkbox"/> BENEDICTINE SISTERS		
			200.

If property other than cash was given, the following additional information needs to be provided:

Description of Property . . . . .

Date of Gift . . . . .

Book Value	How Book Value Determined
FMV	How FMV Determined

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Purpose of Payment . . . . . FOR STUDENT PARTICIPATION IN HATCHERY ACTIVITIES

Class of Activity	Grantee's Name and Address	Grantee's Relationship	Amount Given
GRANT	Business . . . . <input type="checkbox"/> Person . . . . . <input type="checkbox"/> GANNON UNIVERSITY		
			500.

If property other than cash was given, the following additional information needs to be provided.

Description of Property .

Date of Gift . . . . .

Book Value	How Book Value Determined
FMV	How FMV Determined

Purpose of Payment . . . . . MAINTENANCE OF AQUARIUM FOR STURGEON IN TOM RIDGE SCIENCE CENTER

Class of Activity	Grantee's Name and Address	Grantee's Relationship	Amount Given
DONATION	Business . . . . <input type="checkbox"/> Person . . . . . <input type="checkbox"/> DEPT OF CONSERVATION OF NATURAL RESOURCES		
			1,500.

If property other than cash was given, the following additional information needs to be provided:

Description of Property .

Date of Gift . . . . .

Book Value	How Book Value Determined
FMV	How FMV Determined

SAVE OUR NATIVE SPECIES OF LAKE ERIE, INC.

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FORM 990-EZ 12/31/14

**PART IV**

(c) (d) (e)

**OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS**

**PRESIDENT**

Jerry Skrypzak	1015 West 25 <sup>th</sup> Street, Erie, PA 16502	0	0	0
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**VICE PRESIDENT**

Edward Kissell	2815 Sigsbee Street, Erie, PA 16508	0	0	0
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**TREASURER**

Terry Pfeffer	6959 Jefferson Ct., Fairview PA 16415	0	0	0
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**SECRETARY**

Ralph Corvaglia	442 East 35 <sup>th</sup> Street, Erie, PA 16504	0	0	0
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**3 YEAR TERM DIRECTORS**

Ken Plonski	932 Burgundy Bend, Girard, PA 16417	0	0	0
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Jack Klapthor, Jr.	3121 Homestead Dr., Erie, PA 16506	0	0	0
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John Krupinski	1301 Robison Rd W., Erie, PA 16509	0	0	0
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Don Tombaugh	2482 Norcross Rd, Erie, PA 16510	0	0	0
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**2 YEAR TERM DIRECTORS**

Jack Bock	2313 Eastern Ave, Wesleyville, PA 16510	0	0	0
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Gary Heubel	6821 West Lake Road, Erie PA 16509	0	0	0
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William Henderson	8929 Old French Road, Erie, PA 16509	0	0	0
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Chuck Miller	3714 Hereford Rd, Erie, PA 16510	0	0	0
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**1 YEAR TERM DIRECTORS**

Frank Kuzma	1985 W. 51 <sup>st</sup> St., Erie, PA 16509	0	0	0
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Bob Zawadzki	4122 Vista Drive, Erie, PA 16506	0	0	0
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Ron Lubak	976 Walbridge Road, Erie, PA 16511	0	0	0
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Mike Felege	3621 Shauna Dr., Fairview, PA 16415	0	0	0
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