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Form 990-EZ

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Short Form
Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

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

Do not enter social security numbers on this form as it may be made public.

Information about Form 990-EZ and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

OMB No 1545-1150

2015

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A For the 2015 calendar year, or tax year beginning 01-01-2015, and ending 12-31-2015

B Check if applicable

☐ Address change

☐ Name change

☐ Initial return

☐ Final return/terminated

☐ Amended return

☐ Application pending

C Name of organization

CONNECTICUT BASS NATION INC

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

20 FIRST AVENUE

Room/suite

City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code

WATERBURY, CT 06710

D Employer identification number

06-1306552

E Telephone number

(203) 592-6305

F Group Exemption Number

G Accounting Method ☒ Cash ☐ Accrual Other (specify) _____

H Check ☒ if the organization is **not** required to attach Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF)

I Website: ☒ WWW.CTBASS.COM

J Tax-exempt status (check only one) ☐ 501(c)(3) ☒ 501(c)(7) ☐ (insert no) ☐ 4947(a)(1) or ☐ 527

K Form of organization ☒ Corporation ☐ Trust ☐ Association ☐ Other _____

L 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 ☒ \$ 89,379

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 ☒									
Revenue	1	Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received	1	20,955					
	2	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	2	44,425					
	3	Membership dues and assessments	3	11,645					
	4	Investment income	4						
	5a	Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory	5a						
	b	Less cost or other basis and sales expenses	5b						
	c	Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a)	5c						
	6	Gaming and fundraising events							
	a	Gross income from gaming (attach Schedule G if greater than \$15,000)	6a						
	b	Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ _____ of contributions from fundraising events reported on line 1) (attach Schedule G if the sum of such gross income and contributions exceeds \$15,000)	6b	12,354					
	c	Less direct expenses from gaming and fundraising events	6c	8,581					
	d	Net income or (loss) from gaming and fundraising events (add lines 6a and 6b and subtract line 6c)	6d	3,773					
	7a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	7a						
	b	Less cost of goods sold	7b						
	c	Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)	7c						
	8	Other revenue (describe in Schedule O)	8						
	9	Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6d, 7c, and 8	9	80,798					
Expenses	10	Grants and similar amounts paid (list in Schedule O)	10	5,963					
	11	Benefits paid to or for members	11						
	12	Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits	12						
	13	Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors	13	950					
	14	Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	14	549					
	15	Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	15						
	16	Other expenses (describe in Schedule O)	16	62,071					
	17	Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16	17	69,533					
Net Assets	18	Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)	18	11,265					
	19	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 27, column (A)) (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)	19	84,977					
	20	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	20	0					
	21	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20	21	96,242					

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the separate instructions.

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Part II

Balance Sheets (see the instructions for Part II)

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	83,743	22	96,242
23 Land and buildings		23	
24 Other assets (describe in Schedule O)	1,234	24	0
25 Total assets	84,977	25	96,242
26 Total liabilities (describe in Schedule O)	0	26	0
27 Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	84,977	27	96,242

Part III

Statement of Program Service Accomplishments (see the instructions for Part III)

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

What is the organization's primary exempt purpose?
RECREATION WITH CONCERN FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

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

28

See Additional Data Table

(Grants \$)

If this amount includes foreign grants, check here

28a

29

(Grants \$)

If this amount includes foreign grants, check here

29a

30

(Grants \$)

If this amount includes foreign grants, check here

30a

31

Other program services (describe in Schedule O)

(Grants \$)

If this amount includes foreign grants, check here

31a

32

Total program service expenses (add lines 28a through 31a)

32

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

(a) Name and title	(b) Average hours per week devoted to position	(c)Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC) (if not paid, enter -0-)	(d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation	(e) Estimated amount of other compensation
SYLVIA MORRIS PRESIDENT	25 00	0	0	0
VINNY MUCCI VICE PRESIDENT	1 00	0	0	0
AL GUITTE SECRETARY	0 50	0	0	0
MARC LEVESQUE TREASURER	3 00	0	0	0

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
33	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		No
34	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)		No
35a	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)?		No
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		
c	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		No
36	Did the organization undergo a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or significant disposition of net assets during the year? If "Yes," complete applicable parts of Schedule N		No
37a	Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions ☐ 37a 0		
b	Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?		
38a	Did the organization borrow from, or make any loans to, any officer, director, trustee, or key employee or were any such loans made in a prior year and still outstanding at the end of the tax year covered by this return?		No
b	If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved 38b		
39	Section 501(c)(7) organizations Enter 39a 0		
a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9		
b	Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities 39b 0		
40a	Section 501(c)(3) organizations Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under section 4911 ☐ _____, section 4912 ☐ _____, section 4955 ☐ _____		
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 40b		
c	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 ☐ _____		
d	Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization ☐ _____		
e	All organizations At any time during the tax year, was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? If "Yes," complete Form 8886-T 40e		No
41	List the states with which a copy of this return is filed ☐ CT		
42a	The organization's books are in care of ☐ MARC LEVESQUE Telephone no ☐ (203) 592-6305 Located at ☐ 20 FIRST AVENUE WATERBURY, CT ZIP + 4 ☐ 06710		
b	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country ☐ _____ See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR)	Yes	No
c	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside the U S ? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country ☐ _____		No
43	Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of Form 1041 - Check here ☐ ☒ and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year ☐ 43		
44a	Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ 44a		No
b	Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities during the year? <i>If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ</i> 44b		No
c	Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the year? 44c		No
d	If "Yes," to line 44c, has the organization filed a Form 720 to report these payments? <i>If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O</i> 44d		
45a	Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? 45a		No
45b	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) 45b		

		Yes	No
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		
		46	No

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

		Yes	No
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	47	
48	Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E	48	
49a	Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization?	49a	
b	If "Yes," was the related organization a section 527 organization?	49b	

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

(a) Name and 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

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

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.

Sign Here	***** Signature of officer			2016-06-01 Date	
	MARC LEVESQUE TREASURER Type or print name and title				
Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name TODD SHELANSKY CPA		Preparer's signature	Date	Check ☐ if self-employed PTIN P00445857
	Firm's name HARPER & WHITFIELD PC				Firm's EIN 06-1071692
	Firm's address 314 FARMINGTON AVENUE FARMINGTON, CT 06032				Phone no (860) 677-9188
May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions ☒ Yes ☐ No					

Additional Data

Software ID:
Software Version:
EIN: 06-1306552
Name: CONNECTICUT BASS NATION INC

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

Describe what was achieved in carrying out the organization's exempt purposes. 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 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations and 4947(a)(1) trusts; optional for others.)	
28 THE ORGANIZATION PROMOTES THE SPORT OF BASS FISHING TOURNAMENT EVENTS ARE USED TO PROMOTE BASS FISHING AS A RECREATIONAL SPORT WITH CONCERNS FOR THE ENVIRONMENT (Grants \$ 0) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here . . . ☐		28a	0
29 THE ORGANIZATION SPONSORS PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN AND PAYS 100% OF THE RELATED EXPENSES FUNDS ARE ALSO PROVIDED TO PURCHASE FISHING EQUIPMENT FOR YOUTHS IN TOURNAMENTS (Grants \$ 0) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here . . . ☐		29a	0
30 THE ORGANIZATION SPONSORS VARIOUS YOUTH OUTINGS AND TOURNAMENTS THE CONNECTICUT BASS NATION, INC SCHOLARSHIP FUND ALSO HELPS STUDENTS IN FINANCIAL NEED (Grants \$ 0) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here . . . ☐		30a	0

TY 2015 Transfers Personal Benefits Contracts Declaration

Name: CONNECTICUT BASS NATION INC

EIN: 06-1306552

Declaration: THE ORGANIZATION DID NOT, DURING THE YEAR, RECEIVE ANY FUNDS, DIRECTLY,OR INDIRECTLY, TO PAY PREMIUMS ON A PERSONAL BENEFIT CONTRACT.THE ORGANIZATION, DID NOT, DURING THE YEAR, PAY ANY PREMIUMS, DIRECTLY,OR INDIRECTLY, ON A PERSONAL BENEFIT CONTRACT.

SCHEDULE G
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Information Regarding
Fundraising or Gaming Activities

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on 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.

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Name of the organization
CONNECTICUT BASS NATION INC

Employer identification number
06-1306552

Part I Fundraising Activities.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on 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 col (i)	(vi) Amount paid to (or retained by) organization
		Yes	No			
1						
2						
3						
4						
5						
6						
7						
8						
9						
10						
Total ▶						

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.

Part II Fundraising Events.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on 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.

Revenue		(a)Event #1 BANQUET (event type)	(b)Event #2 (event type)	(c)Other events (total number)	(d) Total events (add col (a) through col (c))
	1	Gross receipts	12,354		12,354
	2	Less Contributions			
	3	Gross income (line 1 minus line 2)	12,354		12,354
Direct Expenses	4	Cash prizes			
	5	Noncash prizes			
	6	Rent/facility costs			
	7	Food and beverages	770		770
	8	Entertainment			
	9	Other direct expenses	7,811		7,811
	10	Direct expense summary Add lines 4 through 9 in column (d) ▶			8,581
	11	Net income summary Subtract line 10 from line 3, column (d) ▶			3,773

Part III Gaming.

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

Revenue		(a)Bingo	(b)Pull tabs/Instant bingo/progressive bingo	(c)Other gaming	(d) Total gaming (add col (a) through col (c))	
	1	Gross revenue				
Direct Expenses	2	Cash prizes				
	3	Noncash prizes				
	4	Rent/facility costs				
	5	Other direct expenses				
	6	Volunteer labor	☐ Yes _____ % ☐ No	☐ Yes _____ % ☐ No	☐ Yes _____ % ☐ No	
7	Direct expense summary Add lines 2 through 5 in column (d) ▶					
8	Net gaming income summary 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 _____

10a 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 conduct 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		%
b	An outside facility		%

14

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

Name 

Address 

15a

Does the organization have a contract with a third party from whom the organization receives gaming revenue?

☐ 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 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 complete this part to provide any additional information (see instructions).

Return Reference	Explanation
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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 990-EZ or to provide any additional information.

▶ Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.

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Name of the organization CONNECTICUT BASS NATION INC	Employer identification number 06-1306552
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990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990-EZ, PART I, LINE 10 - GRANTS AND SIMILAR AMOUNTS PAID	ACTIVITY CLASSIFICATION SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED GRANTEE NAME VARIOUS GRANTEE RELATIONSHIP CHILD/GRANDCHILD OF CBFN MEMBERS PROPERTY DESCRIPTION SCHOLARSHIP - CASH AWARD DATE OF GIFT 12/31/15 AMOUNT GIVEN 4,053
FORM 990-EZ, PART I, LINE 10 - GRANTS AND SIMILAR AMOUNTS PAID	ACTIVITY CLASSIFICATION CONTRIBUTION GRANTEE NAME RIVERFRONT RECAPTURE, INC GRANTEE A DDRESS 50 COLUMBUS BLVD, 1ST FLOOR HARTFORD, CT 06106 GRANTEE RELATIONSHIP NONE PROPER TY DESCRIPTION CASH CONTRIBUTION DATE OF GIFT 05/14/15 AMOUNT GIVEN 1,000
FORM 990-EZ, PART I, LINE 10 - GRANTS AND SIMILAR AMOUNTS PAID	ACTIVITY CLASSIFICATION CONTRIBUTION GRANTEE NAME FOLDS OF HONOR FOUNDATION GRANTEE AD DRESS 5800 N PATRIOT DR OWASSO, OK 74055 GRANTEE RELATIONSHIP NONE PROPERTY DESCRIPTIO N CASH CONTRIBUTION DATE OF GIFT 07/19/15 AMOUNT GIVEN 910 TOTAL INCLUDED ON FORM 99 0-EZ, LINE 10 5,963
FORM 990-EZ, PART I, LINE 14	DESCRIPTION DEPRECIATION AMOUNT 549
FORM 990-EZ, PART I, LINE 16 - OTHER EXPENSES	DESCRIPTION CONSERVATION EXPENSE AMOUNT 2,829 DESCRIPTION CONTRIBUTIONS AMOUNT 363 DESCRIPTION TOURNAMENT EXPENSE AMOUNT 31,398 DESCRIPTION STATE TEAMS AMOUNT 12,837 DESCRIPTION MARKETING AMOUNT 1,627 DESCRIPTION OFFICE EXPENSES AMOUNT 1,987 DESC RIPTION PROPERTY TAXES, INSURANCE, MISC FEES AMOUNT 539 DESCRIPTION BOATING/FISHING SHOWS AMOUNT 1,288 DESCRIPTION WEBSITE EXPENSE AMOUNT 800 DESCRIPTION HIGH SCHOOL FISHING EXPENSE AMOUNT 7,121 DESCRIPTION MEMBERSHIP EXPENSE AMOUNT 150 DESCRIPTION PRO SHOP EXPENSES AMOUNT 1,132 TOTAL TO FORM 990-EZ, LINE 16 62,071
FORM 990-EZ, PART II, LINE 24 - OTHER ASSETS	DESCRIPTION UNSOLD PINCS, PATCHES, STICKERS, T-SHIRTS BEG OF YEAR AMOUNT 685 END OF Y EAR AMOUNT 0 DESCRIPTION OTHER DEPRECIABLE ASSETS BEG OF YEAR AMOUNT 549 END OF YEA R AMOUNT 0