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Form **990-PF**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

**Return of Private Foundation**  
**or Section 4947(a)(1) Trust Treated as Private Foundation**

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OMB No 1545-0052

**2015**

**Open to Public Inspection**

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

Name of foundation THE OTTER FOUNDATION INC C/O PRIVATE SIGNALS		<b>A Employer identification number</b> 13-3946357
Number and street (or P O box number if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite 50 CONGRESS STREET STE 640		<b>B Telephone number (see instructions)</b> (617) 722-9990
City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code BOSTON, MA 02109		<b>C</b> If exemption application is pending, check here <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>G</b> Check all that apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return of a former public charity <input type="checkbox"/> Final return <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change		<b>D 1.</b> Foreign organizations, check here <input type="checkbox"/> <b>2.</b> Foreign organizations meeting the 85% test, check here and attach computation <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>H</b> Check type of organization: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Section 501(c)(3) exempt private foundation <input type="checkbox"/> Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust <input type="checkbox"/> Other taxable private foundation		<b>E</b> If private foundation status was terminated under section 507(b)(1)(A), check here <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>I</b> Fair market value of all assets at end of year (from Part II, col. (c), line 16) <b>\$</b> 0	<b>J</b> Accounting method: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cash <input type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) _____ (Part I, column (d) must be on cash basis.)	<b>F</b> If the foundation is in a 60-month termination under section 507(b)(1)(B), check here <input type="checkbox"/>

<b>Part I Analysis of Revenue and Expenses</b> <i>(The total of amounts in columns (b), (c), and (d) may not necessarily equal the amounts in column (a) (see instructions).)</i>		Revenue and expenses per books <b>(a)</b>	Net investment income <b>(b)</b>	Adjusted net income <b>(c)</b>	Disbursements for charitable purposes <b>(d)</b> (cash basis only)
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>1</b> Contributions, gifts, grants, etc., received (attach schedule) . . . . .	20,500			
	<b>2</b> Check <input type="checkbox"/> if the foundation is <b>not</b> required to attach Sch B . . . . .				
	<b>3</b> Interest on savings and temporary cash investments . . . . .				
	<b>4</b> Dividends and interest from securities . . . . .				
	<b>5a</b> Gross rents . . . . .				
	<b>b</b> Net rental income or (loss) _____				
	<b>6a</b> Net gain or (loss) from sale of assets not on line 10 _____				
	<b>b</b> Gross sales price for all assets on line 6a _____				
	<b>7</b> Capital gain net income (from Part IV, line 2) . . . . .		0		
	<b>8</b> Net short-term capital gain . . . . .				
	<b>9</b> Income modifications . . . . .				
	<b>10a</b> Gross sales less returns and allowances _____				
<b>b</b> Less Cost of goods sold . . . . .					
<b>c</b> Gross profit or (loss) (attach schedule) . . . . .					
<b>11</b> Other income (attach schedule) . . . . .					
<b>12 Total.</b> Add lines 1 through 11 . . . . .	20,500	0			
<b>Operating and Administrative Expenses</b>	<b>13</b> Compensation of officers, directors, trustees, etc . . . . .	0	0		0
	<b>14</b> Other employee salaries and wages . . . . .				
	<b>15</b> Pension plans, employee benefits . . . . .				
	<b>16a</b> Legal fees (attach schedule). . . . .				
	<b>b</b> Accounting fees (attach schedule). . . . .	1,770	0		0
	<b>c</b> Other professional fees (attach schedule) . . . . .	200	0		0
	<b>17</b> Interest . . . . .				
	<b>18</b> Taxes (attach schedule) (see instructions) . . . . .	50	0		0
	<b>19</b> Depreciation (attach schedule) and depletion . . . . .				
	<b>20</b> Occupancy . . . . .				
	<b>21</b> Travel, conferences, and meetings. . . . .				
	<b>22</b> Printing and publications . . . . .				
	<b>23</b> Other expenses (attach schedule). . . . .				
	<b>24 Total operating and administrative expenses.</b> Add lines 13 through 23 . . . . .	2,020	0		0
	<b>25</b> Contributions, gifts, grants paid . . . . .	20,845			20,845
<b>26 Total expenses and disbursements.</b> Add lines 24 and 25 . . . . .	22,865	0		20,845	
<b>27</b> Subtract line 26 from line 12					
<b>a Excess of revenue over expenses and disbursements</b>	-2,365				
<b>b Net investment income</b> (if negative, enter -0-)		0			
<b>c Adjusted net income</b> (if negative, enter -0-)					

<b>Part II Balance Sheets</b>		Attached schedules and amounts in the description column should be for end-of-year amounts only (See instructions)		Beginning of year	End of year		
		(a) Book Value	(b) Book Value	(c) Fair Market Value			
<b>Assets</b>	<b>1</b>	Cash—non-interest-bearing . . . . .		1,815			
	<b>2</b>	Savings and temporary cash investments . . . . .					
	<b>3</b>	Accounts receivable ▶ _____ Less allowance for doubtful accounts ▶ _____					
	<b>4</b>	Pledges receivable ▶ _____ Less allowance for doubtful accounts ▶ _____					
	<b>5</b>	Grants receivable . . . . .					
	<b>6</b>	Receivables due from officers, directors, trustees, and other disqualified persons (attach schedule) (see instructions). . . . .					
	<b>7</b>	Other notes and loans receivable (attach schedule) ▶ _____ Less allowance for doubtful accounts ▶ _____					
	<b>8</b>	Inventories for sale or use . . . . .					
	<b>9</b>	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges . . . . .					
	<b>10a</b>	Investments—U S and state government obligations (attach schedule)					
	<b>b</b>	Investments—corporate stock (attach schedule) . . . . .					
	<b>c</b>	Investments—corporate bonds (attach schedule) . . . . .					
	<b>11</b>	Investments—land, buildings, and equipment basis ▶ _____ Less accumulated depreciation (attach schedule) ▶ _____					
	<b>12</b>	Investments—mortgage loans. . . . .					
	<b>13</b>	Investments—other (attach schedule) . . . . .					
	<b>14</b>	Land, buildings, and equipment basis ▶ _____ Less accumulated depreciation (attach schedule) ▶ _____					
<b>15</b>	Other assets (describe ▶ _____)	☒	10,000	☒	0	☒	0
<b>16</b>	<b>Total assets</b> (to be completed by all filers—see the instructions Also, see page 1, item I)		11,815		0		0
<b>Liabilities</b>	<b>17</b>	Accounts payable and accrued expenses . . . . .					
	<b>18</b>	Grants payable . . . . .					
	<b>19</b>	Deferred revenue . . . . .					
	<b>20</b>	Loans from officers, directors, trustees, and other disqualified persons					
	<b>21</b>	Mortgages and other notes payable (attach schedule). . . . .					
	<b>22</b>	Other liabilities (describe ▶ _____)	☒	9,450	☒	0	
<b>23</b>	<b>Total liabilities</b> (add lines 17 through 22) . . . . .		9,450		0		
<b>Net Assets or Fund Balances</b>	<b>Foundations that follow SFAS 117, check here</b> ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>						
	<b>and complete lines 24 through 26 and lines 30 and 31.</b>						
	<b>24</b>	Unrestricted . . . . .					
	<b>25</b>	Temporarily restricted . . . . .					
	<b>26</b>	Permanently restricted . . . . .					
	<b>Foundations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here</b> ▶ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>						
	<b>and complete lines 27 through 31.</b>						
<b>27</b>	Capital stock, trust principal, or current funds . . . . .		0		0		
<b>28</b>	Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, bldg, and equipment fund		0		0		
<b>29</b>	Retained earnings, accumulated income, endowment, or other funds		2,365		0		
<b>30</b>	<b>Total net assets or fund balances</b> (see instructions) . . . . .		2,365		0		
<b>31</b>	<b>Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances</b> (see instructions) . . . . .		11,815		0		

<b>Part III Analysis of Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances</b>			
<b>1</b>	Total net assets or fund balances at beginning of year—Part II, column (a), line 30 (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return) . . . . .	<b>1</b>	2,365
<b>2</b>	Enter amount from Part I, line 27a . . . . .	<b>2</b>	-2,365
<b>3</b>	Other increases not included in line 2 (itemize) ▶ _____	<b>3</b>	0
<b>4</b>	Add lines 1, 2, and 3 . . . . .	<b>4</b>	0
<b>5</b>	Decreases not included in line 2 (itemize) ▶ _____	<b>5</b>	0
<b>6</b>	Total net assets or fund balances at end of year (line 4 minus line 5)—Part II, column (b), line 30 . . . . .	<b>6</b>	0

**Part IV Capital Gains and Losses for Tax on Investment Income**

List and describe the kind(s) of property sold (e.g., real estate, <b>(a)</b> 2-story brick warehouse, or common stock, 200 shs MLC Co)	How acquired P—Purchase <b>(b)</b> D—Donation	Date acquired <b>(c)</b> (mo, day, yr)	Date sold <b>(d)</b> (mo, day, yr)
<b>1a</b>			
<b>b</b>			
<b>c</b>			
<b>d</b>			
<b>e</b>			

(e) Gross sales price	(f) Depreciation allowed (or allowable)	(g) Cost or other basis plus expense of sale	(h) Gain or (loss) (e) plus (f) minus (g)
<b>a</b>			
<b>b</b>			
<b>c</b>			
<b>d</b>			
<b>e</b>			

Complete only for assets showing gain in column (h) and owned by the foundation on 12/31/69			(l) Gains (Col (h) gain minus col (k), but not less than -0-) or Losses (from col (h))
(i) FMV as of 12/31/69	(j) Adjusted basis as of 12/31/69	(k) Excess of col (i) over col (j), if any	
<b>a</b>			
<b>b</b>			
<b>c</b>			
<b>d</b>			
<b>e</b>			

<b>2</b> Capital gain net income or (net capital loss)	{ If gain, also enter in Part I, line 7 If (loss), enter -0- in Part I, line 7 }	<b>2</b>	
<b>3</b> Net short-term capital gain or (loss) as defined in sections 1222(5) and (6)			
If gain, also enter in Part I, line 8, column (c) (see instructions) If (loss), enter -0- in Part I, line 8	}	<b>3</b>	

**Part V Qualification Under Section 4940(e) for Reduced Tax on Net Investment Income**

(For optional use by domestic private foundations subject to the section 4940(a) tax on net investment income )  
 If section 4940(d)(2) applies, leave this part blank

Was the foundation liable for the section 4942 tax on the distributable amount of any year in the base period?  Yes  No  
 If "Yes," the foundation does not qualify under section 4940(e) Do not complete this part

**1** Enter the appropriate amount in each column for each year, see instructions before making any entries

(a) Base period years Calendar year (or tax year beginning in)	(b) Adjusted qualifying distributions	(c) Net value of noncharitable-use assets	(d) Distribution ratio (col (b) divided by col (c))
2014	18,375	1,812	10 140728
2013	30,250	2,955	10 236887
2012	49,725	15,514	3 205170
2011	49,630	15,901	3 121187
2010	57,172	8,743	6 539174
<b>2</b> Total of line 1, column (d).			<b>2</b> 33 243146
<b>3</b> Average distribution ratio for the 5-year base period—divide the total on line 2 by 5, or by the number of years the foundation has been in existence if less than 5 years			<b>3</b> 6 648629
<b>4</b> Enter the net value of noncharitable-use assets for 2015 from Part X, line 5.			<b>4</b> 1,141
<b>5</b> Multiply line 4 by line 3.			<b>5</b> 7,586
<b>6</b> Enter 1% of net investment income (1% of Part I, line 27b).			<b>6</b> 0
<b>7</b> Add lines 5 and 6.			<b>7</b> 7,586
<b>8</b> Enter qualifying distributions from Part XII, line 4.			<b>8</b> 20,845

If line 8 is equal to or greater than line 7, check the box in Part VI, line 1b, and complete that part using a 1% tax rate See the Part VI instructions

Part VI Excise Tax Based on Investment Income (Section 4940(a), 4940(b), 4940(e), or 4948—see page 18 of the instructions)

Table with 11 rows for excise tax calculations. Includes fields for exempt foundations, domestic foundations, tax under section 511, and credits/payments. Total tax due is 0, with an overpayment of 224.

Part VII-A Statements Regarding Activities

Table with 10 rows for activity statements. Includes questions about political influence, political expenditures, and reporting requirements. Most 'Yes'/'No' boxes are blank.

**Part VII-A Statements Regarding Activities (continued)**

<b>11</b>	At any time during the year, did the foundation, directly or indirectly, own a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," attach schedule (see instructions).	<b>11</b>		<b>No</b>
<b>12</b>	Did the foundation make a distribution to a donor advised fund over which the foundation or a disqualified person had advisory privileges? If "Yes," attach statement (see instructions)	<b>12</b>		<b>No</b>
<b>13</b>	Did the foundation comply with the public inspection requirements for its annual returns and exemption application? Website address <b>N/A</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>Yes</b>	
<b>14</b>	The books are in care of <b>PATRICK R WILMERDING</b> Telephone no <b>(617) 722-9990</b> Located at <b>120 WATER STREET 5TH FLOOR BOSTON MA</b> ZIP+4 <b>02109</b>			
<b>15</b>	Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-PF in lieu of <b>Form 1041</b> —Check here <input type="checkbox"/> and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year <b>15</b>			
<b>16</b>	At any time during calendar year 2015, did the foundation have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a bank, securities, or other financial account in a foreign country? See instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR) If "Yes", enter the name of the foreign country	<b>16</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>

**Part VII-B Statements Regarding Activities for Which Form 4720 May Be Required**

**File Form 4720 if any item is checked in the "Yes" column, unless an exception applies.**

		<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>1a</b>	During the year did the foundation (either directly or indirectly)		
	(1) Engage in the sale or exchange, or leasing of property with a disqualified person? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
	(2) Borrow money from, lend money to, or otherwise extend credit to (or accept it from) a disqualified person? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
	(3) Furnish goods, services, or facilities to (or accept them from) a disqualified person? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
	(4) Pay compensation to, or pay or reimburse the expenses of, a disqualified person? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
	(5) Transfer any income or assets to a disqualified person (or make any of either available for the benefit or use of a disqualified person)? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
	(6) Agree to pay money or property to a government official? ( <b>Exception.</b> Check "No" if the foundation agreed to make a grant to or to employ the official for a period after termination of government service, if terminating within 90 days) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
<b>b</b>	If any answer is "Yes" to 1a(1)–(6), did <b>any</b> of the acts fail to qualify under the exceptions described in Regulations section 53.4941(d)-3 or in a current notice regarding disaster assistance (see instructions)? <input type="checkbox"/> Organizations relying on a current notice regarding disaster assistance check here. <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>1b</b>	
<b>c</b>	Did the foundation engage in a prior year in any of the acts described in 1a, other than excepted acts, that were not corrected before the first day of the tax year beginning in 2015?	<b>1c</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>2</b>	Taxes on failure to distribute income (section 4942) (does not apply for years the foundation was a private operating foundation defined in section 4942(j)(3) or 4942(j)(5))		
<b>a</b>	At the end of tax year 2015, did the foundation have any undistributed income (lines 6d and 6e, Part XIII) for tax year(s) beginning before 2015? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If "Yes," list the years <b>20</b> ____, <b>20</b> ____, <b>20</b> ____, <b>20</b> ____		
<b>b</b>	Are there any years listed in 2a for which the foundation is <b>not</b> applying the provisions of section 4942(a)(2) (relating to incorrect valuation of assets) to the year's undistributed income? (If applying section 4942(a)(2) to <b>all</b> years listed, answer "No" and attach statement—see instructions)	<b>2b</b>	
<b>c</b>	If the provisions of section 4942(a)(2) are being applied to <b>any</b> of the years listed in 2a, list the years here <b>20</b> ____, <b>20</b> ____, <b>20</b> ____, <b>20</b> ____		
<b>3a</b>	Did the foundation hold more than a 2% direct or indirect interest in any business enterprise at any time during the year? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
<b>b</b>	If "Yes," did it have excess business holdings in 2015 as a result of (1) any purchase by the foundation or disqualified persons after May 26, 1969, (2) the lapse of the 5-year period (or longer period approved by the Commissioner under section 4943(c)(7)) to dispose of holdings acquired by gift or bequest, or (3) the lapse of the 10-, 15-, or 20-year first phase holding period? ( <i>Use Schedule C, Form 4720, to determine if the foundation had excess business holdings in 2015.</i> )	<b>3b</b>	
<b>4a</b>	Did the foundation invest during the year any amount in a manner that would jeopardize its charitable purposes?	<b>4a</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>b</b>	Did the foundation make any investment in a prior year (but after December 31, 1969) that could jeopardize its charitable purpose that had not been removed from jeopardy before the first day of the tax year beginning in 2015?	<b>4b</b>	<b>No</b>

**Part VII-B Statements Regarding Activities for Which Form 4720 May Be Required (Continued)**

**5a** During the year did the foundation pay or incur any amount to

**(1)** Carry on propaganda, or otherwise attempt to influence legislation (section 4945(e))?  Yes  No

**(2)** Influence the outcome of any specific public election (see section 4955), or to carry on, directly or indirectly, any voter registration drive?  Yes  No

**(3)** Provide a grant to an individual for travel, study, or other similar purposes?  Yes  No

**(4)** Provide a grant to an organization other than a charitable, etc., organization described in section 4945(d)(4)(A)? (see instructions).  Yes  No

**(5)** Provide for any purpose other than religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals?  Yes  No

**b** If any answer is "Yes" to 5a(1)–(5), did **any** of the transactions fail to qualify under the exceptions described in Regulations section 53.4945 or in a current notice regarding disaster assistance (see instructions)?  Yes  No  
 Organizations relying on a current notice regarding disaster assistance check here.

**c** If the answer is "Yes" to question 5a(4), does the foundation claim exemption from the tax because it maintained expenditure responsibility for the grant?  Yes  No  
 If "Yes," attach the statement required by Regulations section 53.4945–5(d).

**6a** Did the foundation, during the year, receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?  Yes  No

**b** Did the foundation, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?  Yes  No  
 If "Yes" to 6b, file Form 8870.

**7a** At any time during the tax year, was the foundation a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?  Yes  No

**b** If yes, did the foundation receive any proceeds or have any net income attributable to the transaction?  Yes  No

**Part VIII Information About Officers, Directors, Trustees, Foundation Managers, Highly Paid Employees, and Contractors**

**1 List all officers, directors, trustees, foundation managers and their compensation (see instructions).**

(a) Name and address	Title, and average hours per week (b) devoted to position	(c) Compensation (If not paid, enter -0-)	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans and deferred compensation	Expense account, (e) other allowances
See Additional Data Table				

**2 Compensation of five highest-paid employees (other than those included on line 1—see instructions). If none, enter "NONE."**

(a) Name and address of each employee paid more than \$50,000	Title, and average hours per week (b) devoted to position	(c) Compensation	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans and deferred compensation	Expense account, (e) other allowances
NONE				

**Total** number of other employees paid over \$50,000.  0

**Part VIII Information About Officers, Directors, Trustees, Foundation Managers, Highly Paid Employees, and Contractors (continued)**

**3 Five highest-paid independent contractors for professional services (see instructions). If none, enter "NONE".**

(a) Name and address of each person paid more than \$50,000	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
NONE		

**Total** number of others receiving over \$50,000 for professional services. . . . . **0**

**Part IX-A Summary of Direct Charitable Activities**

List the foundation's four largest direct charitable activities during the tax year. Include relevant statistical information such as the number of organizations and other beneficiaries served, conferences convened, research papers produced, etc	Expenses
<b>1</b> ENVIRONMENTAL & EDUCATIONAL ADVANCEMENT	0
<b>2</b>	
<b>3</b>	
<b>4</b>	

**Part IX-B Summary of Program-Related Investments (see instructions)**

Describe the two largest program-related investments made by the foundation during the tax year on lines 1 and 2	Amount
<b>1</b>	
<b>2</b>	
All other program-related investments See instructions	
<b>3</b>	
<b>Total.</b> Add lines 1 through 3 . . . . .	0

**Part X Minimum Investment Return**

(All domestic foundations must complete this part. Foreign foundations, see instructions.)

<b>1</b>	Fair market value of assets not used (or held for use) directly in carrying out charitable, etc , purposes		
<b>a</b>	Average monthly fair market value of securities. . . . .	<b>1a</b>	0
<b>b</b>	Average of monthly cash balances. . . . .	<b>1b</b>	1,158
<b>c</b>	Fair market value of all other assets (see instructions). . . . .	<b>1c</b>	0
<b>d</b>	<b>Total</b> (add lines 1a, b, and c). . . . .	<b>1d</b>	1,158
<b>e</b>	Reduction claimed for blockage or other factors reported on lines 1a and 1c (attach detailed explanation). . . . .	<b>1e</b>	0
<b>2</b>	Acquisition indebtedness applicable to line 1 assets. . . . .	<b>2</b>	0
<b>3</b>	Subtract line 2 from line 1d. . . . .	<b>3</b>	1,158
<b>4</b>	Cash deemed held for charitable activities Enter 1 1/2% of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions). . . . .	<b>4</b>	17
<b>5</b>	<b>Net value of noncharitable-use assets.</b> Subtract line 4 from line 3 Enter here and on Part V, line 4	<b>5</b>	1,141
<b>6</b>	<b>Minimum investment return.</b> Enter 5% of line 5. . . . .	<b>6</b>	57

**Part XI Distributable Amount**

(see instructions) (Section 4942(j)(3) and (j)(5) private operating foundations and certain foreign organizations check here  and do not complete this part.)

<b>1</b>	Minimum investment return from Part X, line 6. . . . .	<b>1</b>	57
<b>2a</b>	Tax on investment income for 2015 from Part VI, line 5. . . . .	<b>2a</b>	
<b>b</b>	Income tax for 2015 (This does not include the tax from Part VI ). . . . .	<b>2b</b>	
<b>c</b>	Add lines 2a and 2b. . . . .	<b>2c</b>	0
<b>3</b>	Distributable amount before adjustments Subtract line 2c from line 1. . . . .	<b>3</b>	57
<b>4</b>	Recoveries of amounts treated as qualifying distributions. . . . .	<b>4</b>	0
<b>5</b>	Add lines 3 and 4. . . . .	<b>5</b>	57
<b>6</b>	Deduction from distributable amount (see instructions). . . . .	<b>6</b>	0
<b>7</b>	<b>Distributable amount</b> as adjusted Subtract line 6 from line 5 Enter here and on Part XIII, line 1. . . . .	<b>7</b>	57

**Part XII Qualifying Distributions** (see instructions)

<b>1</b>	Amounts paid (including administrative expenses) to accomplish charitable, etc , purposes		
<b>a</b>	Expenses, contributions, gifts, etc —total from Part I, column (d), line 26. . . . .	<b>1a</b>	20,845
<b>b</b>	Program-related investments—total from Part IX-B. . . . .	<b>1b</b>	0
<b>2</b>	Amounts paid to acquire assets used (or held for use) directly in carrying out charitable, etc , purposes. . . . .	<b>2</b>	
<b>3</b>	Amounts set aside for specific charitable projects that satisfy the		
<b>a</b>	Suitability test (prior IRS approval required). . . . .	<b>3a</b>	
<b>b</b>	Cash distribution test (attach the required schedule). . . . .	<b>3b</b>	
<b>4</b>	<b>Qualifying distributions.</b> Add lines 1a through 3b Enter here and on Part V, line 8, and Part XIII, line 4	<b>4</b>	20,845
<b>5</b>	Foundations that qualify under section 4940(e) for the reduced rate of tax on net investment income Enter 1% of Part I, line 27b (see instructions). . . . .	<b>5</b>	0
<b>6</b>	<b>Adjusted qualifying distributions.</b> Subtract line 5 from line 4. . . . .	<b>6</b>	20,845

**Note:** The amount on line 6 will be used in Part V, column (b), in subsequent years when calculating whether the foundation qualifies for the section 4940(e) reduction of tax in those years

**Part XIII Undistributed Income** (see instructions)

	(a) Corpus	(b) Years prior to 2014	(c) 2014	(d) 2015
<b>1</b> Distributable amount for 2015 from Part XI, line 7				57
<b>2</b> Undistributed income, if any, as of the end of 2015				
<b>a</b> Enter amount for 2014 only. . . . .			0	
<b>b</b> Total for prior years 20___, 20___, 20___		0		
<b>3</b> Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2015				
<b>a</b> From 2010. . . . .	56,735			
<b>b</b> From 2011. . . . .	48,923			
<b>c</b> From 2012. . . . .	48,983			
<b>d</b> From 2013. . . . .	30,102			
<b>e</b> From 2014. . . . .	18,284			
<b>f Total</b> of lines 3a through e. . . . .	203,027			
<b>4</b> Qualifying distributions for 2015 from Part XII, line 4 $\blacktriangleright$ \$ _____ 20,845				
<b>a</b> Applied to 2014, but not more than line 2a			0	
<b>b</b> Applied to undistributed income of prior years (Election required—see instructions). . . . .		0		
<b>c</b> Treated as distributions out of corpus (Election required—see instructions). . . . .	0			
<b>d</b> Applied to 2015 distributable amount. . . . .				57
<b>e</b> Remaining amount distributed out of corpus	20,788			
<b>5</b> Excess distributions carryover applied to 2015 <i>(If an amount appears in column (d), the same amount must be shown in column (a).)</i>	0			0
<b>6 Enter the net total of each column as indicated below:</b>				
<b>a</b> Corpus Add lines 3f, 4c, and 4e Subtract line 5	223,815			
<b>b</b> Prior years' undistributed income Subtract line 4b from line 2b . . . . .		0		
<b>c</b> Enter the amount of prior years' undistributed income for which a notice of deficiency has been issued, or on which the section 4942(a) tax has been previously assessed. . . . .		0		
<b>d</b> Subtract line 6c from line 6b Taxable amount—see instructions . . . . .		0		
<b>e</b> Undistributed income for 2014 Subtract line 4a from line 2a Taxable amount—see instructions . . . . .			0	
<b>f</b> Undistributed income for 2016 Subtract lines 4d and 5 from line 1 This amount must be distributed in 2015 . . . . .				0
<b>7</b> Amounts treated as distributions out of corpus to satisfy requirements imposed by section 170(b)(1)(F) or 4942(g)(3) (Election may be required - see instructions). . . . .	0			
<b>8</b> Excess distributions carryover from 2010 not applied on line 5 or line 7 (see instructions). . . . .	56,735			
<b>9 Excess distributions carryover to 2016.</b> Subtract lines 7 and 8 from line 6a . . . . .	167,080			
<b>10</b> Analysis of line 9				
<b>a</b> Excess from 2011. . . . .	48,923			
<b>b</b> Excess from 2012. . . . .	48,983			
<b>c</b> Excess from 2013. . . . .	30,102			
<b>d</b> Excess from 2014. . . . .	18,284			
<b>e</b> Excess from 2015. . . . .	20,788			

**Part XIV Private Operating Foundations** (see instructions and Part VII-A, question 9)

**1a** If the foundation has received a ruling or determination letter that it is a private operating foundation, and the ruling is effective for 2015, enter the date of the ruling. . . . ▶ 1997-10-16

**b** Check box to indicate whether the organization is a private operating foundation described in section  4942(j)(3) or  4942(j)(5)

	Tax year	Prior 3 years			<b>(e) Total</b>
	<b>(a) 2015</b>	<b>(b) 2014</b>	<b>(c) 2013</b>	<b>(d) 2012</b>	
<b>2a</b> Enter the lesser of the adjusted net income from Part I or the minimum investment return from Part X for each year listed . . . . .					
<b>b</b> 85% of line 2a . . . . .					
<b>c</b> Qualifying distributions from Part XII, line 4 for each year listed . . . . .					
<b>d</b> Amounts included in line 2c not used directly for active conduct of exempt activities . . . . .					
<b>e</b> Qualifying distributions made directly for active conduct of exempt activities Subtract line 2d from line 2c . . . . .					
<b>3</b> Complete 3a, b, or c for the alternative test relied upon					
<b>a</b> "Assets" alternative test—enter					
<b>(1)</b> Value of all assets . . . . .					
<b>(2)</b> Value of assets qualifying under section 4942(j)(3)(B)(i)					
<b>b</b> "Endowment" alternative test— enter 2/3 of minimum investment return shown in Part X, line 6 for each year listed. . . . .					
<b>c</b> "Support" alternative test—enter					
<b>(1)</b> Total support other than gross investment income (interest, dividends, rents, payments on securities loans (section 512(a)(5)), or royalties) . . . . .					
<b>(2)</b> Support from general public and 5 or more exempt organizations as provided in section 4942(j)(3)(B)(iii). . . . .					
<b>(3)</b> Largest amount of support from an exempt organization					
<b>(4)</b> Gross investment income					

**Part XV Supplementary Information (Complete this part only if the organization had \$5,000 or more in assets at any time during the year—see instructions.)**

**1 Information Regarding Foundation Managers:**

**a** List any managers of the foundation who have contributed more than 2% of the total contributions received by the foundation before the close of any tax year (but only if they have contributed more than \$5,000) (See section 507(d)(2) )

See Additional Data Table

**b** List any managers of the foundation who own 10% or more of the stock of a corporation (or an equally large portion of the ownership of a partnership or other entity) of which the foundation has a 10% or greater interest

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**2 Information Regarding Contribution, Grant, Gift, Loan, Scholarship, etc., Programs:**

Check here  if the foundation only makes contributions to preselected charitable organizations and does not accept unsolicited requests for funds. If the foundation makes gifts, grants, etc. (see instructions) to individuals or organizations under other conditions, complete items 2a, b, c, and d

**a** The name, address, and telephone number or email address of the person to whom applications should be addressed

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**b** The form in which applications should be submitted and information and materials they should include

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**c** Any submission deadlines

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**d** Any restrictions or limitations on awards, such as by geographical areas, charitable fields, kinds of institutions, or other factors

**Part XV Supplementary Information**(continued)

**3 Grants and Contributions Paid During the Year or Approved for Future Payment**

Recipient	If recipient is an individual, show any relationship to any foundation manager or substantial contributor	Foundation status of recipient	Purpose of grant or contribution	Amount
Name and address (home or business)				
<b>a</b> <i>Paid during the year</i> See Additional Data Table				
<b>Total . . . . .</b> ▶ <b>3a</b>				20,845
<b>b</b> <i>Approved for future payment</i>				
<b>Total . . . . .</b> ▶ <b>3b</b>				0





**Form 990PF Part VIII Line 1 - List all officers, directors, trustees, foundation managers and their compensation**

<b>(a)</b> Name and address	Title, and average hours per week <b>(b)</b> devoted to position	<b>(c)</b> Compensation <b>(If not paid, enter -0-)</b>	<b>(d)</b> Contributions to employee benefit plans and deferred compensation	Expense account, <b>(e)</b> other allowances
PATRICK R WILMERDING 7 WEST HILL PLACE BOSTON, MA 02114	TRUSTEE 0 00	0	0	0
ELSIE WILMERDING 7 WEST HILL PLACE BOSTON, MA 02114	TRUSTEE 0 00	0	0	0
PATRICK S WILMERDING 149 COMMON STREET DEDHAM, MA 02026	TRUSTEE 0 00	0	0	0
MICHAEL WILMERDING 99 CRAFTS ROAD CHESTNUT HILL, MA 02167	TRUSTEE 0 00	0	0	0
ELIZA WILMERDING 217 CLIPPER STREET APT 5 SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94114	TRUSTEE 0 00	0	0	0

**Form 990PF Part XV Line 1a - List any managers of the foundation who have contributed more than 2% of the total contributions received by the foundation before the close of any tax year (but only if they have contributed more than \$5,000).**

PATRICK R WILMERDING

ELSIE WILMERDING

PATRICK S WILMERDING

MICHAEL WILMERDING

ELIZA WILMERDING

**Form 990PF Part XV Line 3 - Grants and Contributions Paid During the Year or Approved for Future Payment**

Recipient	If recipient is an individual, show any relationship to any foundation manager or substantial contributor	Foundation status of recipient	Purpose of grant or contribution	Amount
Name and address (home or business)				
<b>a</b> <i>Paid during the year</i>				
SAILORS FOR THE SEA 449 THAMES ST NEWPORT, RI 02840	NONE		DONATION TO GENERAL FUNDDONATION TO GENERAL FUND	1,000
ATLANTIC SALMON FEDERATION 14 MAINE STREET BRUNSWICK, ME 04011	NONE		DONATION TO GENERAL FUNDDONATION TO GENERAL FUND	1,000
EMERALD NECKLACE CONSERVANCY 125 FENWAY BOSTON, MA 02215	NONE		DONATION TO GENERAL FUND	5,000
THE JACKSON LAB 600 MAIN ST BAR HARBOR, ME 04069	NONE		DONATION TO GENERAL FUND	1,000
BOSTON UNIVERSITY - TRUSTEES 595 COMMONWEALTH AVENUE BOSTON, MA 02215	NONE		DONATION TO GENERAL FUND	1,500
DEXTER SCHOOL 311 N MAIN ST DEXTER, KS 67038	NONE		DONATION TO GENERAL FUND	1,000
FESSENDEN SCHOOL 250 WALTHAM STREET WEST NEWTON, MA 02465	NONE		DONATION TO GENERAL FUND	4,500
GICIA 2015 ANNUAL FUND PO BOX 446 BOCA GRANDE, FL 33921	NONE		DONATION TO GENERAL FUND	1,000
MISCELLANEOUS UNDER 500 33 BROAD ST BOSTON, MA 02109	NONE		DONATION TO GENERAL FUND	1,845
MOTE MARINE LAB 1600 KEN THOMPSON PKWY SARASOTA, FL 34236	NONE		DONATION TO GENERAL FUND	1,000
NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY 360 HUNTINGTON AVENUE BOSTON, MA 02115	NONE		DONATION TO GENERAL FUND	1,000
PROCTOR ACADEMY 204 MAIN STREET ANDOVER, NH 03216	NONE		DONATION TO GENERAL FUND	1,000
<b>Total . . . . .</b>			<b>3a</b>	20,845

## TY 2015 Accounting Fees Schedule

**Name:** THE OTTER FOUNDATION INC

C/O PRIVATE SIGNALS

**EIN:** 13-3946357

Category	Amount	Net Investment Income	Adjusted Net Income	Disbursements for Charitable Purposes
TAX PREPARATION	1,770	0		0

## TY 2015 Other Assets Schedule

**Name:** THE OTTER FOUNDATION INC

C/O PRIVATE SIGNALS

**EIN:** 13-3946357

Description	Beginning of Year - Book Value	End of Year - Book Value	End of Year - Fair Market Value
DEPOSIT IN TRANSIT	10,000		

## TY 2015 Other Liabilities Schedule

**Name:** THE OTTER FOUNDATION INC

C/O PRIVATE SIGNALS

**EIN:** 13-3946357

Description	Beginning of Year - Book Value	End of Year - Book Value
CHECKS IN TRANSIT	9,450	0

## TY 2015 Other Professional Fees Schedule

**Name:** THE OTTER FOUNDATION INC

C/O PRIVATE SIGNALS

**EIN:** 13-3946357

Category	Amount	Net Investment Income	Adjusted Net Income	Disbursements for Charitable Purposes
STATEMENT FEES	200	0		0

# TY 2015 Taxes Schedule

**Name:** THE OTTER FOUNDATION INC

C/O PRIVATE SIGNALS

**EIN:** 13-3946357

Category	Amount	Net Investment Income	Adjusted Net Income	Disbursements for Charitable Purposes
NY FILING FEES	50	0		0

**Schedule B**  
(Form 990, 990-EZ,  
or 990-PF)

**Schedule of Contributors**

OMB No 1545-0047

▶ Attach to Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF.

**2015**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

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

**Name of the organization**  
THE OTTER FOUNDATION INC  
C/O PRIVATE SIGNALS

**Employer identification number**  
13-3946357

**Organization type** (check one)

**Filers of:**

**Section:**

Form 990 or 990-EZ

501(c)( ) (enter number) organization

4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust **not** treated as a private foundation

527 political organization

Form 990-PF

501(c)(3) exempt private foundation

4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust treated as a private foundation

501(c)(3) taxable private foundation

Check if your organization is covered by the **General Rule** or a **Special Rule**.

**Note.** Only a section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organization can check boxes for both the General Rule and a Special Rule. See instructions.

**General Rule**

For an organization filing Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF that received, during the year, contributions totaling \$5,000 or more (in money or other property) from any one contributor. Complete Parts I and II. See instructions for determining a contributor's total contributions.

**Special Rules**

For an organization described in section 501(c)(3) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that met the 33<sup>1</sup>/<sub>3</sub>% support test of the regulations under sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi), that checked Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ), Part II, line 13, 16a, or 16b, and that received from any one contributor, during the year, total contributions of the greater of **(1)** \$5,000 or **(2)** 2% of the amount on (i) Form 990, Part VIII, line 1h, or (ii) Form 990-EZ, line 1. Complete Parts I and II.

For an organization described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, total contributions of more than \$1,000 *exclusively* for religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals. Complete Parts I, II, and III.

For an organization described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, contributions *exclusively* for religious, charitable, etc., purposes, but no such contributions totaled more than \$1,000. If this box is checked, enter here the total contributions that were received during the year for an *exclusively* religious, charitable, etc., purpose. Do not complete any of the parts unless the **General Rule** applies to this organization because it received *nonexclusively* religious, charitable, etc., contributions totaling \$5,000 or more during the year. . . . ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Caution.** An organization that is not covered by the General Rule and/or the Special Rules does not file Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF), but it **must** answer "No" on Part IV, line 2, of its Form 990, or check the box on line H of its Form 990-EZ or on its Form 990PF, Part I, line 2, to certify that it does not meet the filing requirements of Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF).

<b>Name of organization</b> THE OTTER FOUNDATION INC C/O PRIVATE SIGNALS	<b>Employer identification number</b> 13-3946357
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**Part I Contributors** (see instructions) Use duplicate copies of Part I if additional space is needed

(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
1	ELIZA WILMERDING	\$ 5,500	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	680 NORTH FARMS ROAD		Payroll <input type="checkbox"/>
	NORTHAMPTON, MA 01062		Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> <small>(Complete Part II for noncash contributions )</small>
2	PATRICK R ELSIE WILMERDING	\$ 5,000	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	7 WEST HILL PLACE		Payroll <input type="checkbox"/>
	BOSTON, MA 02114		Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> <small>(Complete Part II for noncash contributions )</small>
3	PATRICK S WILMERDING	\$ 10,000	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	149 COMMON STREET		Payroll <input type="checkbox"/>
	DEDHAM, MA 02026		Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> <small>(Complete Part II for noncash contributions )</small>
		\$	Person <input type="checkbox"/>
			Payroll <input type="checkbox"/>
			Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> <small>(Complete Part II for noncash contributions )</small>
		\$	Person <input type="checkbox"/>
			Payroll <input type="checkbox"/>
			Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> <small>(Complete Part II for noncash contributions )</small>
		\$	Person <input type="checkbox"/>
			Payroll <input type="checkbox"/>
			Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> <small>(Complete Part II for noncash contributions )</small>

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**Part II** **Noncash Property**  
(see instructions) Use duplicate copies of Part II if additional space is needed

(a) No. from Part I	(b) Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) (see instructions)	(d) Date received
	_____	_____ \$	_____
	_____		
	_____		

(a) No. from Part I	(b) Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) (see instructions)	(d) Date received
	_____	_____ \$	_____
	_____		
	_____		

(a) No. from Part I	(b) Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) (see instructions)	(d) Date received
	_____	_____ \$	_____
	_____		
	_____		

(a) No. from Part I	(b) Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) (see instructions)	(d) Date received
	_____	_____ \$	_____
	_____		
	_____		

(a) No. from Part I	(b) Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) (see instructions)	(d) Date received
	_____	_____ \$	_____
	_____		
	_____		

(a) No. from Part I	(b) Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) (see instructions)	(d) Date received
	_____	_____ \$	_____
	_____		
	_____		

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**Part III** Exclusively religious, charitable, etc., contributions to organizations described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) that total more than \$1,000 for the year from any one contributor. Complete columns (a) through (e) and the following line entry. For organizations completing Part III, enter the total of exclusively religious, charitable, etc., contributions of \$1,000 or less for the year. (Enter this information once. See instructions.) ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Use duplicate copies of Part III if additional space is needed

(a) No. from Part I	(b) Purpose of gift	(c) Use of gift	(d) Description of how gift is held
.	_____	_____	_____
	_____	_____	_____

(e) Transfer of gift	
Transferee's name, address, and ZIP 4	Relationship of transferor to transferee
_____	_____
_____	_____
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(a) No. from Part I	(b) Purpose of gift	(c) Use of gift	(d) Description of how gift is held
.	_____	_____	_____
	_____	_____	_____

(e) Transfer of gift	
Transferee's name, address, and ZIP 4	Relationship of transferor to transferee
_____	_____
_____	_____
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(a) No. from Part I	(b) Purpose of gift	(c) Use of gift	(d) Description of how gift is held
.	_____	_____	_____
	_____	_____	_____

(e) Transfer of gift	
Transferee's name, address, and ZIP 4	Relationship of transferor to transferee
_____	_____
_____	_____
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(a) No. from Part I	(b) Purpose of gift	(c) Use of gift	(d) Description of how gift is held
.	_____	_____	_____
	_____	_____	_____

(e) Transfer of gift	
Transferee's name, address, and ZIP 4	Relationship of transferor to transferee
_____	_____
_____	_____
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