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Form 990

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

OMB No 1545-0047

2015

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Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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

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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	C Name of organization NORTH DAKOTA PETROLEUM COUNCIL INC		D Employer identification number 45-0454738
<input type="checkbox"/> Address change			
<input type="checkbox"/> Name change	Doing business as		E Telephone number (701) 223-6380
<input type="checkbox"/> Initial return			
<input type="checkbox"/> Final return/terminated	Number and street (or P O box if mail is not delivered to street address) PO BOX 1395	Room/suite	
<input type="checkbox"/> Amended return	City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code BISMARCK, ND 58502		G Gross receipts \$ 2,250,802
<input type="checkbox"/> Application pending	F Name and address of principal officer RON NESS 100 W BROADWAY SUITE 200 BISMARCK, ND 58501		H(a) Is this a group return for subordinates? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No H(b) Are all subordinates included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If "No," attach a list (see instructions) H(c) Group exemption number ►

I Tax-exempt status 501(c)(3) 501(c) (6) ► (insert no) 4947(a)(1) or 527

J Website: ► NDOIL.ORG

K Form of organization Corporation Trust Association Other ► L Year of formation 1952 M State of legal domicile ND

Part I Summary

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities
TO PROMOTE AND ENHANCE THE DISCOVERY, DEVELOPMENT, PRODUCTION, TRANSPORTATION, REFINING, CONSERVATION AND MARKETING OF OIL & GAS IN NORTH DAKOTA, SOUTH DAKOTA, AND THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGION

2 Check this box ► if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets

3 Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	3	38
4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4	38
5 Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2015 (Part V, line 2a)	5	8
6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6	50
7a Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	7a	0
b Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34	7b	0

Activities & Governance

Revenue

Expenses

Net Assets or Fund Balances

	Prior Year	Current Year
8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	0	0
9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	5,713,402	1,680,697
10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	123,100	128,949
11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	13,593	111,897
12 Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	5,850,095	1,921,543

	Prior Year	Current Year
13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)	504,150	18,000
14 Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)	0	0
15 Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10)	771,471	814,202
16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)	0	0
b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ► 0		
17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e)	3,556,075	1,436,994
18 Total expenses Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	4,831,696	2,269,196
19 Revenue less expenses Subtract line 18 from line 12	1,018,399	-347,653

	Beginning of Current Year	End of Year
20 Total assets (Part X, line 16)	4,503,430	4,426,985
21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	959,383	1,290,882
22 Net assets or fund balances Subtract line 21 from line 20	3,544,047	3,136,103

Part II Signature Block

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

Sign Here	*****	2016-10-07
	Signature of officer	Date

RON NESS PRESIDENT
Type or print name and title

Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name PATRICK J BROWN	Preparer's signature PATRICK J BROWN	Date 2016-10-07	Check <input type="checkbox"/> if self-employed	PTIN P00149579
	Firm's name ► BRADY MARTZ & ASSOCIATES PC		Firm's EIN ► 45-0310328		
	Firm's address ► PO BOX 1297 BISMARCK, ND 585021297		Phone no (701) 223-1717		

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

Part III Statement of Program Service AccomplishmentsCheck if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part III **1** Briefly describe the organization's mission

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

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

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

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

If "Yes," describe these changes on Schedule O

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

4a (Code) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

PROVIDE EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH TO MEMBERS AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC THROUGH SEMINARS, PUBLIC FORUMS, EDUCATION BOOTHS AND ANNUAL MEETING AND SHOWCASE EVERY 2 YEARS HOST THE WILLISTON BASIN PETROLEUM CONFERENCE WHICH BRINGS TOGETHER OVER 4,000 INDIVIDUALS WORKING IN THE OIL INDUSTRY TO EXCHANGE INFORMATION CONCERNING THE BAKKEN REGION, NEW DEVELOPMENT, NEW TECHNOLOGIES AND TRENDS

4b (Code) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

PROVIDE EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION TO TEACHERS IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS SYSTEM REGARDING THE OIL INDUSTRY AND ITS HISTORY IN THE STATE THROUGH THE USE OF APPROXIMATELY 50 VOLUNTEERS AND THE OILCAN! PROGRAM

4c (Code) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

PROVIDE MEMBERS WITH REGULATORY OVERSIGHT SERVICES AND SERVE AS AN INDUSTRY ADVOCATE

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

4e **Total program service expenses**

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

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

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

3 Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

15 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for any foreign organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts II and IV

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

21	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to any domestic organization or domestic government on Part IX, column (A), line 1? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II	21		No
22	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for domestic individuals on Part IX, column (A), line 2? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III	22	Yes	
23	Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, line 3, 4, or 5 about compensation of the organization's current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees? If "Yes," complete Schedule J	23	Yes	
24a	Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than \$100,000 as of the last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? If "Yes," answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25a	24a		No
b	Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?	24b		
c	Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds?	24c		
d	Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?	24d		
25a	Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I	25a		
b	Is the organization aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I	25b		
26	Did the organization report any amount on Part X, line 5, 6, or 22 for receivables from or payables to any current or former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, or disqualified persons? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II	26		No
27	Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, substantial contributor or employee thereof, a grant selection committee member, or to a 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III	27		No
28	Was the organization a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties (see Schedule L, Part IV instructions for applicable filing thresholds, conditions, and exceptions)			
a	A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV	28a		No
b	A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV	28b		No
c	An entity of which a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee (or a family member thereof) was an officer, director, trustee, or direct or indirect owner? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV	28c		No
29	Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M	29		No
30	Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M	30		No
31	Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I	31		No
32	Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II	32		No
33	Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301 7701-2 and 301 7701-3? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I	33		No
34	Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part II, III, or IV, and Part V, line 1	34		No
35a	Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?	35a		No
b	If 'Yes' to line 35a, did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2	35b		
36	Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2	36		
37	Did the organization conduct more than 5% of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI	37		No
38	Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11b and 19? Note. All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O	38	Yes	

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax ComplianceCheck if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part V

1a Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096 Enter -0- if not applicable . . .	1a	10	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
1b Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a Enter -0- if not applicable . . .	1b	0		
c Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners? . . .	1c	Yes		
2a Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements, filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return . . .	2a	8		
b If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns? Note. If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file (see instructions)	2b	Yes		
3a Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year? . . .	3a	No		
b If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? <i>If "No" to line 3b, provide an explanation in Schedule O</i> . . .	3b			
4a 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)? . . .	4a	No		
b If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country ► See instructions for filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR)				
5a Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year? . . .	5a	No		
b Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? . . .	5b	No		
c If "Yes," to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T? . . .	5c			
6a Does the organization have annual gross receipts that are normally greater than \$100,000, and did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible as charitable contributions? . . .	6a	No		
b If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible? . . .	6b			
7 Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).	7a			
a Did the organization receive a payment in excess of \$75 made partly as a contribution and partly for goods and services provided to the payor? . . .	7b			
b If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided? . . .	7c			
c Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282? . . .	7d			
d If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year . . .	7e			
e Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract? . . .	7f			
f Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract? . . .	7g			
g If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required? . . .	7h			
h If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C? . . .	8			
8 Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.	9a			
Did a donor advised fund maintained by the sponsoring organization have excess business holdings at any time during the year? . . .	9b			
9a Did the sponsoring organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966? . . .	10a			
b Did the sponsoring organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person? . . .	10b			
10 Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter	11a			
a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12 . . .	11b			
b Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities				
11 Section 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter	12a			
a Gross income from members or shareholders . . .	12b			
b Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them) . . .				
12a Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts. Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041? . . .	13a			
b If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year	13b			
13c				
13 Section 501(c)(29) qualified nonprofit health insurance issuers.	14a	No		
a Is the organization licensed to issue qualified health plans in more than one state? Note. See the instructions for additional information the organization must report on Schedule O	14b			
b Enter the amount of reserves the organization is required to maintain by the states in which the organization is licensed to issue qualified health plans . . .				
c Enter the amount of reserves on hand . . .				
14a Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year? . . .	14b			
b If "Yes," has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments? <i>If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O</i> . . .				

Part VI Governance, Management, and Disclosure

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

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VI

Section A. Governing Body and Management

		Yes	No
1a Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year	1a 38		
If there are material differences in voting rights among members of the governing body, or if the governing body delegated broad authority to an executive committee or similar committee, explain in Schedule O			
b Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are independent	1b 38		
2 Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship or a business relationship with any other officer, director, trustee, or key employee?	2		No
3 Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors or trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person?	3		No
4 Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?	4		No
5 Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets?	5		No
6 Did the organization have members or stockholders?	6	Yes	
7a Did the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who had the power to elect or appoint one or more members of the governing body?	7a	Yes	
b Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body?	7b	Yes	
8 Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following			
a The governing body?	8a	Yes	
b Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?	8b	Yes	
9 Is there any officer, director, trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? If "Yes," provide the names and addresses in Schedule O	9		No

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

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

Section C. Disclosure

17 List the States with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed	
18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Form 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (501(c) (3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you made these available. Check all that apply	
<input type="checkbox"/> Own website <input type="checkbox"/> Another's website <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Upon request <input type="checkbox"/> Other (explain in Schedule O)	
19 Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how) the organization made its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public during the tax year	
20 State the name, address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the organization's books and records	
RON NESS 100 WEST BROADWAY SUITE 200 BISMARCK, ND 58501 (701) 223-6380	

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

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VI

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Section B. Independent Contractors

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

Part VIII Statement of Revenue

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VIII

**Contributions, Gifts, Grants
and Other Similar Amounts**

		(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512-514
1a	Federated campaigns . . .	1a			
b	Membership dues . . .	1b			
c	Fundraising events . . .	1c			
d	Related organizations . . .	1d			
e	Government grants (contributions)	1e			
f	All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f			
g	Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f \$				
h	Total. Add lines 1a-1f . . .				

Program Service Revenue

		Business Code			
2a	DUES	900099	1,082,203	1,082,203	
b	OIL CAN EDUCATION PROG	900099	295,294	295,294	
c	SPONSORSHIP & REG FEES	541900	159,600	159,600	
d	BLM HOSTED EMPLOYEES	900099	115,500	115,500	
e	COMMITTEE & SOCIAL MEE	900099	27,100	27,100	
f	All other program service revenue		1,000	1,000	
g	Total. Add lines 2a-2f . . .		1,680,697		

Other Revenue

3	Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts) . . .		58,810		58,810
4	Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds				
5	Royalties . . .		91,631		91,631
6a	Gross rents	(i) Real	(ii) Personal		
b	Less rental expenses				
c	Rental income or (loss)				
d	Net rental income or (loss) . . .				
7a	Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities	(ii) Other		
b	Less cost or other basis and sales expenses	378,196			
c	Gain or (loss)	308,057			
d	Net gain or (loss) . . .	70,139			70,139
8a	Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1c) See Part IV, line 18 . . .				
a	31,250				
b	Less direct expenses . . .	b 21,202			
c	Net income or (loss) from fundraising events . . .		10,048		10,048
9a	Gross income from gaming activities See Part IV, line 19 . . .	a			
b	Less direct expenses . . .	b			
c	Net income or (loss) from gaming activities . . .				
10a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances . . .	a			
b	Less cost of goods sold . . .	b			
c	Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory . . .				
	Miscellaneous Revenue	Business Code			
11a	OTHER INCOME	900099	10,218		10,218
b					
c					
d	All other revenue . . .				
e	Total. Add lines 11a-11d . . .		10,218		
12	Total revenue. See Instructions . . .		1,921,543	1,680,697	0 240,846

Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses

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

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part IX

Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1 Grants and other assistance to domestic organizations and domestic governments See Part IV, line 21				
2 Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals See Part IV, line 22	18,000			
3 Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals See Part IV, lines 15 and 16				
4 Benefits paid to or for members				
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	508,877			
6 Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)				
7 Other salaries and wages	231,264			
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)	35,950			
9 Other employee benefits	26,823			
10 Payroll taxes	11,288			
11 Fees for services (non-employees)				
a Management				
b Legal	56,088			
c Accounting	20,209			
d Lobbying				
e Professional fundraising services See Part IV, line 17				
f Investment management fees	16,084			
g Other (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O)	36,875			
12 Advertising and promotion	20,730			
13 Office expenses	33,399			
14 Information technology				
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy	83,701			
17 Travel				
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	92,389			
20 Interest				
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization				
23 Insurance	7,555			
24 Other expenses Itemize expenses not covered above (List miscellaneous expenses in line 24e If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O)				
a OIL CANI PROGRAM	498,100			
b OUTREACH/EDUCATION	216,102			
c BLM HOSTED EMPLOYEES	202,881			
d PUBLIC RELATIONS/TRAVEL	63,032			
e All other expenses	89,849			
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	2,269,196			
26 Joint costs. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720)				

Part X Balance SheetCheck if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part X

		(A) Beginning of year	(B) End of year
Assets	1 Cash—non-interest-bearing	294,408	1 367,907
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments	2	
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net	3	
	4 Accounts receivable, net	309,365	4 411,653
	5 Loans and other receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees Complete Part II of Schedule L		
			5
	6 Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B), and contributing employers and sponsoring organizations of section 501(c)(9) voluntary employees' beneficiary organizations (see instructions) Complete Part II of Schedule L		
			6
	7 Notes and loans receivable, net	7	
	8 Inventories for sale or use	8	
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	9	
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment cost or other basis Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a	
	b Less accumulated depreciation	10b	10c
	11 Investments—publicly traded securities	3,899,657	11 3,647,425
	12 Investments—other securities See Part IV, line 11		12
	13 Investments—program-related See Part IV, line 11		13
	14 Intangible assets		14
	15 Other assets See Part IV, line 11		15
	16 Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)	4,503,430	16 4,426,985
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	30,683	17 30,429
	18 Grants payable		18
	19 Deferred revenue	928,700	19 1,260,453
	20 Tax-exempt bond liabilities		20
	21 Escrow or custodial account liability Complete Part IV of Schedule D		21
	22 Loans and other payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons Complete Part II of Schedule L		22
	23 Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties		23
	24 Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties		24
	25 Other liabilities (including federal income tax, payables to related third parties, and other liabilities not included on lines 17–24) Complete Part X of Schedule D		25
	26 Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25	959,383	26 1,290,882
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.		
	27 Unrestricted net assets	3,544,047	27 3,136,103
	28 Temporarily restricted net assets		28
	29 Permanently restricted net assets		29
	Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 30 through 34.		
	30 Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds		30
	31 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building or equipment fund		31
	32 Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds		32
	33 Total net assets or fund balances	3,544,047	33 3,136,103
	34 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	4,503,430	34 4,426,985

Part XI Reconciliation of Net AssetsCheck if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XI

1	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	1,921,543
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	2,269,196
3	Revenue less expenses Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	-347,653
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	4	3,544,047
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	-60,291
6	Donated services and use of facilities	6	
7	Investment expenses	7	
8	Prior period adjustments	8	
9	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	9	0
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	10	3,136,103

Part XII Financial Statements and ReportingCheck if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XII

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

Additional Data

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Name: NORTH DAKOTA PETROLEUM COUNCIL INC

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

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)					(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W- 2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W- 2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations	
		Or director	Individual trustee	Institutional Trustee	Officer	Key Employee	Highest compensated Employee	Former		
JIM ARTHAUD BOARD MEMBER	1 00		X						0	0
LAWRENCE BENDER BOARD MEMBER	1 00		X						0	0
RON DAY BOARD MEMBER	1 00		X						0	0
KATHY NESET BOARD MEMBER	1 00		X						0	0
MIKE ARMSTRONG BOARD MEMBER	1 00		X						0	0
JEFF HERMAN SECRETARY/TREASURER	1 00		X		X				0	0
KENT EVANS BOARD MEMBER	1 00		X						0	0
RYAN KOPSENG BOARD MEMBER	1 00		X						0	0
KARI GIBSON BOARD MEMBER	1 00		X						0	0
BOB MAU BOARD MEMBER	1 00		X						0	0
LYNN MOSER BOARD MEMBER	1 00		X						0	0
CRAIG SMITH PAST CHAIRMAN	1 00		X		X				0	0
SHANE HENRY BOARD MEMBER	1 00		X						0	0
RYAN LEININGER BOARD MEMBER	1 00		X						0	0
BLU HULSEY VICE-CHAIRMAN	1 00		X						0	0
STEPHEN McNALLY BOARD MEMBER	1 00		X						0	0
MICHAEL KUKUK BOARD MEMBER	1 00		X						0	0
JASON LEEPER BOARD MEMBER	1 00		X		X				0	0
MARK JOHNSON BOARD MEMBER	1 00		X						0	0
ERIC DILLE CHAIRMAN	1 00		X		X				0	0
JEFFREY RUST BOARD MEMBER	1 00		X						0	0
STEVE PINE BOARD MEMBER	1 00		X						0	0
JIM POWERS BOARD MEMBER	1 00		X						0	0
BRENT MILLER BOARD MEMBER	1 00		X						0	0
TAD TRUE BOARD MEMBER	1 00		X						0	0

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(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)					(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W- 2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W- 2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Former Officer or director Individual trustee	Institutional Trustee	Officer	Highest compensated employee	Former Officer or director Individual trustee			
ROBERT STEEDE	1 00		X				0	0	0
..... BOARD MEMBER	.....		X						
MARK JOHNSRUD	1 00		X				0	0	0
..... BOARD MEMBER	.....		X						
TYSON SCHWARTZ	1 00		X				0	0	0
..... BOARD MEMBER	.....		X						
TODD SLAWSON	1 00		X				0	0	0
..... BOARD MEMBER	.....		X						
DARYL ANDERSON	1 00		X				0	0	0
..... BOARD MEMBER	.....		X						
MIKE FITZGIBBONS	1 00		X				0	0	0
..... BOARD MEMBER	.....		X						
MIKE SMITH	1 00		X				0	0	0
..... BOARD MEMBER	.....		X						
TONY STRAQUADINE	1 00		X				0	0	0
..... BOARD MEMBER	.....		X						
BRIAN WOLD	1 00		X				0	0	0
..... BOARD MEMBER	.....		X						
JERROLD MAYER	1 00		X				0	0	0
..... BOARD MEMBER	.....		X						
GREGORY PULLIAM	1 00		X				0	0	0
..... BOARD MEMBER	.....		X						
BROOK SIMMONS	1 00		X				0	0	0
..... BOARD MEMBER	.....		X						
ZAC WEIS	1 00		X				0	0	0
..... BOARD MEMBER	.....		X						
RON NESS	40 00			X			237,479	0	61,443
..... PRESIDENT	.....			X					
KARI CUTTING	40 00			X			152,407	0	28,858
..... VICE PRESIDENT	.....			X					

SCHEDULE C
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)**Political Campaign and Lobbying Activities****2015****Open to Public
Inspection****For Organizations Exempt From Income Tax Under section 501(c) and section 527**

►Complete if the organization is described below. ►Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.
 ►Information about Schedule C (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at
www.irs.gov/form990.

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

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

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

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

If the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, Line 5 (Proxy Tax) (see separate instructions) or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 35c (Proxy Tax) (see separate instructions), then

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

Name of the organization NORTH DAKOTA PETROLEUM COUNCIL INC	Employer identification number 45-0454738
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Part I-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c) or is a section 527 organization.

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

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

- 1 Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by the organization under section 4955 ► \$ _____
- 2 Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by organization managers under section 4955 ► \$ _____
- 3 If the organization incurred a section 4955 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year? Yes No
- 4a Was a correction made? Yes No
- b If "Yes," describe in Part IV

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

- 1 Enter the amount directly expended by the filing organization for section 527 exempt function activities ► \$ _____
- 2 Enter the amount of the filing organization's funds contributed to other organizations for section 527 exempt function activities ► \$ _____
- 3 Total exempt function expenditures Add lines 1 and 2 Enter here and on Form 1120-POL, line 17b ► \$ _____
- 4 Did the filing organization file Form 1120-POL for this year? Yes No
- 5 Enter the names, addresses and employer identification number (EIN) of all section 527 political organizations to which the filing organization made payments For each organization listed, enter the amount paid from the filing organization's funds Also enter the amount of political contributions received that were promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization, such as a separate segregated fund or a political action committee (PAC) If additional space is needed, provide information in Part IV

(a) Name	(b) Address	(c) EIN	(d) Amount paid from filing organization's funds If none, enter -0-	(e) Amount of political contributions received and promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization If none, enter -0-
2				
3				
4				
5				
6				

Part II-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3) and filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)).

A Check if the filing organization belongs to an affiliated group (and list in Part IV each affiliated group member's name, address, EIN, expenses, and share of excess lobbying expenditures)

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

Limits on Lobbying Expenditures
(The term "expenditures" means amounts paid or incurred.)

(a) Filing organization's totals	(b) Affiliated group totals
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1a Total lobbying expenditures to influence public opinion (grass roots lobbying)

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

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

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d Other exempt purpose expenditures

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Yes No

4-Year Averaging Period Under section 501(h)

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

Lobbying Expenditures During 4-Year Averaging Period

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2012	(b) 2013	(c) 2014	(d) 2015	(e) Total
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2a Lobbying nontaxable amount

b Lobbying ceiling amount
(150% of line 2a, column(e))

c Total lobbying expenditures

d Grassroots nontaxable amount

e Grassroots ceiling amount
(150% of line 2d, column (e))

f Grassroots lobbying expenditures

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

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

1 During the year, did the filing organization attempt to influence foreign, national, state or local legislation, including any attempt to influence public opinion on a legislative matter or referendum, through the use of

a Volunteers?

b Paid staff or management (include compensation in expenses reported on lines 1c through 1i)?

c Media advertisements?

d Mailings to members, legislators, or the public?

e Publications, or published or broadcast statements?

f Grants to other organizations for lobbying purposes?

g Direct contact with legislators, their staffs, government officials, or a legislative body?

h Rallies, demonstrations, seminars, conventions, speeches, lectures, or any similar means?

i Other activities?

j Total Add lines 1c through 1i

2a Did the activities in line 1 cause the organization to be not described in section 501(c)(3)?

b If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred under section 4912

c If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred by organization managers under section 4912

d If the filing organization incurred a section 4912 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year?

	(a)		(b)	
	Yes	No	Amount	
1				
a				
b				
c				
d				
e				
f				
g				
h				
i				
j				
2a				
b				
c				
d				

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

1 Were substantially all (90% or more) dues received nondeductible by members?

2 Did the organization make only in-house lobbying expenditures of \$2,000 or less?

3 Did the organization agree to carry over lobbying and political expenditures from the prior year?

	Yes	No
1		
2		
3		

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

1	Dues, assessments and similar amounts from members	1	1,082,203
2	Section 162(e) nondeductible lobbying and political expenditures (do not include amounts of political expenses for which the section 527(f) tax was paid).	2a	120,130
a	Current year	2b	
b	Carryover from last year	2c	120,130
c	Total	3	108,220
3	Aggregate amount reported in section 6033(e)(1)(A) notices of nondeductible section 162(e) dues	4	11,910
4	If notices were sent and the amount on line 2c exceeds the amount on line 3, what portion of the excess does the organization agree to carryover to the reasonable estimate of nondeductible lobbying and political expenditure next year?	5	
5	Taxable amount of lobbying and political expenditures (see instructions)		

Part IV Supplemental Information

Provide the descriptions required for Part I-A, line 1, Part I-B, line 4, Part I-C, line 5, Part II-A (affiliated group list), Part II-A, lines 1 and 2 (see instructions), and Part II-B, line 1. Also, complete this part for any additional information

Return Reference	Explanation

2015

Open to Public
InspectionSCHEDULE G
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)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.Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization

NORTH DAKOTA PETROLEUM COUNCIL INC

Employer identification number

45-0454738

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 <input type="checkbox"/> Mail solicitations	e <input type="checkbox"/> Solicitation of non-government grants
b <input type="checkbox"/> Internet and email solicitations	f <input type="checkbox"/> Solicitation of government grants
c <input type="checkbox"/> Phone solicitations	g <input type="checkbox"/> Special fundraising events
d <input type="checkbox"/> In-person solicitations	

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
1		Yes	No			
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.

	(a) Event #1 FISHING DERBY (event type)	(b) Event #2 (event type)	(c) Other events (total number)	(d) Total events (add col (a) through col (c))
Revenue				
1 Gross receipts	31,250			31,250
2 Less Contributions				
3 Gross income (line 1 minus line 2)	31,250			31,250
Direct Expenses				
4 Cash prizes				
5 Noncash prizes				
6 Rent/facility costs				
7 Food and beverages				
8 Entertainment				
9 Other direct expenses	21,202			21,202
10 Direct expense summary Add lines 4 through 9 in column (d) ►				21,202
11 Net income summary Subtract line 10 from line 3, column (d) ►				10,048

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.

	(a) Bingo	(b) Pull tabs/Instant bingo/progressive bingo	(c) Other gaming	(d) Total gaming (add col (a) through col (c))
Revenue				
1 Gross revenue				
Direct Expenses				
2 Cash prizes				
3 Noncash prizes				
4 Rent/facility costs				
5 Other direct expenses				
6 Volunteer labor	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes % <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes % <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes % <input type="checkbox"/> 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 _____

Yes No

a Is the organization licensed to conduct gaming activities in each of these states? _____

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

13a	%
13b	%

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).

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Explanation

**Schedule I
(Form 990)**

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

Complete if the organization answered "Yes," on Form 990, Part IV, line 21 or 22

► **Attach to Form 990**

► **Information about Schedule I (Form 990) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.**

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Part I General Information on Grants and Assistance

1 Does the organization maintain records to substantiate the amount of the grants or assistance, the grantees' eligibility for the grants or assistance, and the selection criteria used to award the grants or assistance?

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

Yes No

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

2 Enter total number of section 501(c)(3) and government organizations listed in the line 1 table
3 Enter total number of other organizations listed in the line 1 table

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

(a) Type of grant or assistance	(b) Number of recipients	(c) Amount of cash grant	(d) Amount of non-cash assistance	(e) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(f) Description of non-cash assistance
(1) UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS	9	18,000			

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

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For certain Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees
► Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 23.
► Attach to Form 990.
► Information about Schedule J (Form 990) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

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Part I Questions Regarding Compensation

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

a Receive a severance payment or change-of-control payment?
b Participate in, or receive payment from, a supplemental nonqualified retirement plan?
c Participate in, or receive payment from, an equity-based compensation arrangement?

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

Only 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations must complete lines 5-9.

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

a The organization?

b Any related organization?

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

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

a The organization?

b Any related organization?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

	(A) Name and Title	(B) Breakdown of W-2 and/or 1099-MISC compensation			(C) Retirement and other deferred compensation	(D) Nontaxable benefits	(E) Total of columns (B)(i)-(D)	(F) Compensation in column(B) reported as deferred on prior Form 990
		(i) Base compensation	(ii) Bonus & incentive compensation	(iii) Other reportable compensation				
1 RON NESSPRESIDENT	(i)	237,479	0	0	45,706	15,737	298,922	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2 KARI CUTTING VICE PRESIDENT	(i)	152,407	0	0	28,206	652	181,265	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Part III Supplemental Information

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

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SCHEDULE O
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service**Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ**Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on
Form 990 or 990-EZ or to provide any additional information.

► Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.

► Information about Schedule O (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at
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990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

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