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## Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

OMB No 1545-0047

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Form 990

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

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Activities & Governance  
Revenue  
Expenses  
Net Assets or Fund Balances  
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Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)

- Do not enter social security numbers on this form as it may be made public
- Information about Form 990 and its instructions is at [www.irs.gov/form990](http://www.irs.gov/form990).

A For the 2016 calendar year, or tax year beginning

, and ending

<input type="checkbox"/> Check if applicable	C Name of organization <b>Fur Commission USA, Inc</b>			D Employer identification number 41-1784046
<input type="checkbox"/> Address change	Doing business as			E Telephone number (541) 595-8568
<input type="checkbox"/> Name change	Number and street (or P O box if mail is not delivered to street address) P O Box 1532			Room/suite
<input type="checkbox"/> Initial return	City or town Medford	State OR	ZIP code 97501	
<input type="checkbox"/> Final return/terminated	Foreign country name Foreign province/state/county			Foreign postal code
<input type="checkbox"/> Amended return				
<input type="checkbox"/> Application pending	F Name and address of principal officer Michael Whelan P O Box 1532, Medford, OR 97501			G Gross receipts \$ 852,325

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

H(a) Is this a group return for subordinates?  Yes  No

H(b) Are all subordinates included?  Yes  No

If "No," attach a list (see instructions)

J Website ► [www.furcommission.com](http://www.furcommission.com)

H(c) Group exemption number ►

K Form of organization  Corporation  Trust  Association  Other ► L Year of formation 1994 M State of legal domicile WI

### Part I Summary

1	Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities and enhance education, research, public affairs and government relations for farming industry.	Fur Commission USA mission is to coordinate STATUTE UNIT RECEIVED
2	Check this box ► <input type="checkbox"/> if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets	JAN 14 2020
3	Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	3 8
4	Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4 8
5	Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2016 (Part V, line 2a)	5 0
6	Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6 20
7a	Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 125	7a 0
b	Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34	7b 0

Revenue	8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	NOV 20 2019	Prior Year	Current Year
	9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)		190,650	227,700
	10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 5)		678,823	610,661
	11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)		5,981	13,964
	12 Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)		0	0
	13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1–3)		875,454	852,325
	14 Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)		34,343	125,936
	15 Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5–10)		0	0
	16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)		88,000	84,000
	b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ►	0	0	0
	17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a–11d, 11f–24e)		440,748	376,137
	18 Total expenses Add lines 13–17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)		563,091	586,073
19 Revenue less expenses Subtract line 18 from line 12		312,363	266,252	
		Beginning of Current Year	End of Year	
20 Total assets (Part X, line 16)		1,658,509	1,999,471	
21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)		38,673	115,300	
22 Net assets or fund balances Subtract line 21 from line 20		1,619,836	1,884,171	

### 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  
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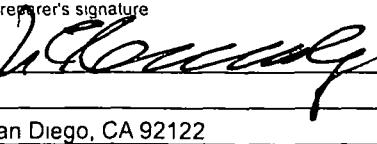
  
Signature of officer

Date

  
MICHAEL WHELAN EXEC DIRECTOR

6-14-2017

Type or print name and title

Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name Leonard C Sonnenberg	Preparer's signature 	Date 6/14/2017	Check <input type="checkbox"/> if self-employed	PTIN P00287581
	Firm's name ► Sonnenberg & Co. CPAs			Firm's EIN ► 95-3749711	
	Firm's address ► 5190 Governor Dr, #201, San Diego, CA 92122			Phone no	858-457-5252

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? (see instructions)

625  Yes  No

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the separate instructions.

Form 990 (2016)

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

Fur Commission USA mission is to coordinate and enhance education, research, public affairs and government relations for US mink farming 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 \$ ..... )

Fur Commission USA enhances the effectiveness of the fur farming industry's education, public information, public affairs, and governmental relations program. During the year, research grants totalling \$125,936 were awarded

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

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

4d Other program services (Describe in Schedule O)

(Expenses \$ ..... including grants of \$ ..... ) (Revenue \$ ..... )

0

4e Total program service expenses ► 0

**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

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

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

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?

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

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

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

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  
 b Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?  
 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?  
 d Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?

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  
 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

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

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

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  
 b A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV  
 c An entity of which a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee (or a family member thereof) was an officer, director, trustee, or direct or indirect owner? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV

29 Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M

30 Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M

31 Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I  
 32 Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II

33 Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301 7701-2 and 301 7701-3? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I

34 Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part II, III, or IV, and Part V, line 1

35a Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?  
 b If "Yes" to line 35a, did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2

36 **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

37 Did the organization conduct more than 5% of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI

38 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

	Yes	No
20a		X
20b		
21	X	
22		X
23		X
24a		X
24b		
24c		
24d		
25a		
25b		
26		X
27		X
28a	X	
28b	X	
28c	X	
29		X
30		X
31		X
32		X
33		X
34		X
35a		X
35b		
36		
37		X
38	X	

**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 

<i>Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.</i>	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1 Grants and other assistance to domestic organizations domestic governments See Part IV, line 21	11,286			
2 Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals See Part IV, line 22	0			
3 Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals See Part IV, lines 15 and 16	114,650			
4 Benefits paid to or for members	0			
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	84,000		0	
6 Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)	0			
7 Other salaries and wages	0			
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)	0			
9 Other employee benefits	0			
10 Payroll taxes	0			
11 Fees for services (non-employees)				
a Management	0			
b Legal	4,659			
c Accounting	21,289			
d Lobbying	0			
e Professional fundraising services See Part IV, line 17	0			
f Investment management fees	0			
g Other (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O )	176,916			
12 Advertising and promotion	0			
13 Office expenses	7,231			
14 Information technology	27,500			
15 Royalties	0			
16 Occupancy	0			
17 Travel	56,613			
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials	0			
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	47,755			
20 Interest	0			
21 Payments to affiliates	0			
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	0	0	0	0
23 Insurance	2,988			
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 Dues	10,658			
b Vet inspections	6,757			
c Newsletters	9,214			
d Printing, postage, and delivery	4,557			
e All other expenses	0			
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	586,073	0	0	0
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)				

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**Part X Balance Sheet**Check 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	22,270	1	41,650
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments	1,617,782	2	1,941,473
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net	0	3	0
	4 Accounts receivable, net	2,690	4	2,248
	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	0	7	0
	8 Inventories for sale or use		8	
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	15,767	9	14,100
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment cost or other basis Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a	0	
	b Less accumulated depreciation	10b	0	10c
	11 Investments—publicly traded securities		0	11
	12 Investments—other securities See Part IV, line 11		0	12
	13 Investments—program-related See Part IV, line 11		0	13
	14 Intangible assets		0	14
	15 Other assets See Part IV, line 11		0	15
	16 Total assets Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)	1,658,509	16	1,999,471
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	11,359	17	11,057
	18 Grants payable	27,314	18	104,243
	19 Deferred revenue		19	
	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	0	23	0
	24 Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties	0	24	0
	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		0	25
	26 Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25	38,673	26	115,300
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	1,604,458	27	1,854,876
	28 Temporarily restricted net assets	15,378	28	29,295
	29 Permanently restricted net assets		29	
	Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117 (ASC958), 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	1,619,836	33	1,884,171
	34 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	1,658,509	34	1,999,471

**Part XI Reconciliation of Net Assets**Check 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	852,325
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	586,073
3	Revenue less expenses Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	266,252
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	4	1,619,836
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	-1,917
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	
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	10	1,884,171

**Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting**Check 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	X
b	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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis	2b	X
c	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	X
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	X
b	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	

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

**Political Campaign and Lobbying Activities**

OMB No 1545-0047

**2016**

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Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

► 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](http://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 organization

Fur Commission USA, Inc

Employer identification number

41-1784046

**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 (see instructions for definition of "political campaign activities")
- 2 Political campaign activity expenditures (see instructions) ► \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- 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 ► \$ \_\_\_\_\_ 0  Yes  No
- 4 Did the filing organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?
- 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-
(1)	-----	-----	-----	-----
(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												
1a	Total lobbying expenditures to influence public opinion (grass roots lobbying)		0												
b	Total lobbying expenditures to influence a legislative body (direct lobbying)		0												
c	Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 1a and 1b)	0	0												
d	Other exempt purpose expenditures		0												
e	Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 1c and 1d)	0	0												
f	Lobbying nontaxable amount Enter the amount from the following table in both columns	0	0												
<table border="1"> <tr> <td>If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:</td> <td>The lobbying nontaxable amount is</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Not over \$500,000</td> <td>20% of the amount on line 1e</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000</td> <td>\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000</td> <td>\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000</td> <td>\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$17,000,000</td> <td>\$1,000,000</td> </tr> </table>		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		
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)	0	0												
h	Subtract line 1g from line 1a If zero or less, enter -0-	0	0												
i	Subtract line 1f from line 1c If zero or less, enter -0-	0	0												
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?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No												

4-Year Averaging Period Under section 501(h)

(Some organizations that made a section 501(h) election do not have to complete all of the five columns below.

See the separate instructions for lines 2a through 2f.)

Lobbying Expenditures During 4-Year Averaging Period					
Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2013	(b) 2014	(c) 2015	(d) 2016	(e) Total
2a Lobbying nontaxable amount	0	0	0	0	0
b Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 2a, column(e))					0
c Total lobbying expenditures	0	0	0	0	0
d Grassroots nontaxable amount	0	0	0	0	0
e Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line 2d, column (e))					0
f Grassroots lobbying expenditures	0	0	0	0	0

**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

	(a)		(b)
	Yes	No	Amount
1 During the year, did the filing organization attempt to influence foreign, national, state or local legislation, including any attempt to influence public opinion on a legislative matter or referendum, through the use of			
a Volunteers?			
b Paid staff or management (include compensation in expenses reported on lines 1c through 1i)?			
c Media advertisements?			
d Mailings to members, legislators, or the public?			
e Publications, or published or broadcast statements?			
f Grants to other organizations for lobbying purposes?			
g Direct contact with legislators, their staffs, government officials, or a legislative body?			
h Rallies, demonstrations, seminars, conventions, speeches, lectures, or any similar means?			
i Other activities?			
j Total Add lines 1c through 1i			0
2a Did the activities in line 1 cause the organization to be not described in section 501(c)(3)?			
b If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred under section 4912			
c If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred by organization managers under section 4912			
d If the filing organization incurred a section 4912 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year?			

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

	Yes	No
1 Were substantially all (90% or more) dues received nondeductible by members?	1	X
2 Did the organization make only in-house lobbying expenditures of \$2,000 or less?	2	X
3 Did the organization agree to carry over lobbying and political campaign activity expenditures from the prior year?	3	X

**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	
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).		
a Current year	2a	
b Carryover from last year	2b	
c Total	2c	0
3 Aggregate amount reported in section 6033(e)(1)(A) notices of nondeductible section 162(e) dues	3	
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?	4	
5 Taxable amount of lobbying and political expenditures (see instructions)	5	0

**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

**SCHEDULE D**  
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

**Supplemental Financial Statements**

► Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990,  
Part IV, line 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11a, 11b, 11c, 11d, 11e, 11f, 12a, or 12b  
► Attach to Form 990

OMB No 1545-0047

**2016**

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Name of the organization

Employer identification number

Fur Commission USA, Inc

41-1784046

**Part I Organizations Maintaining Donor Advised Funds or Other Similar Funds or Accounts.**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 6

	(a) Donor advised funds	(b) Funds and other accounts
1 Total number at end of year		
2 Aggregate value of contributions to (during year)		
3 Aggregate value of grants from (during year)		
4 Aggregate value at end of year		
5 Did the organization inform all donors and donor advisors in writing that the assets held in donor advised funds are the organization's property, subject to the organization's exclusive legal control?	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
6 Did the organization inform all grantees, donors, and donor advisors in writing that grant funds can be used only for charitable purposes and not for the benefit of the donor or donor advisor, or for any other purpose conferring impermissible private benefit?	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

**Part II Conservation Easements.**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 7

1 Purpose(s) of conservation easements held by the organization (check all that apply)	<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of land for public use (e.g., recreation or education) <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of a historically important land area <input type="checkbox"/> Protection of natural habitat <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of a certified historic structure <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of open space										
2 Complete lines 2a through 2d if the organization held a qualified conservation contribution in the form of a conservation easement on the last day of the tax year	<table border="1" style="float: right; margin-right: 10px;"><tr><td></td><td>Held at the End of the Tax Year</td></tr><tr><td>2a</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>2b</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>2c</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>2d</td><td></td></tr></table>		Held at the End of the Tax Year	2a		2b		2c		2d	
	Held at the End of the Tax Year										
2a											
2b											
2c											
2d											
a Total number of conservation easements	2a										
b Total acreage restricted by conservation easements	2b										
c Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a)	2c										
d Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 8/17/06, and not on a historic structure listed in the National Register	2d										
3 Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, released, extinguished, or terminated by the organization during the tax year ►											
4 Number of states where property subject to conservation easement is located ►											
5 Does the organization have a written policy regarding the periodic monitoring, inspection, handling of violations, and enforcement of the conservation easements it holds?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No										
6 Staff and volunteer hours devoted to monitoring, inspecting, handling of violations, and enforcing conservation easements during the year ►											
7 Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, handling of violations, and enforcing conservation easements during the year ► \$											
8 Does each conservation easement reported on line 2(d) above satisfy the requirements of section 170(h)(4)(B)(i) and section 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No										
9 In Part XIII, describe how the organization reports conservation easements in its revenue and expense statement, and balance sheet, and include, if applicable, the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that describes the organization's accounting for conservation easements											

**Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets.**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 8

1a If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116 (ASC 958), not to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide, in Part XIII, the text of the footnote to its financial statements that describes these items	► \$
b If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116 (ASC 958), to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide the following amounts relating to these items	► \$
(i) Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1	► \$
(ii) Assets included in Form 990, Part X	► \$
2 If the organization received or held works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets for financial gain, provide the following amounts required to be reported under SFAS 116 (ASC 958) relating to these items	► \$
a Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1	► \$
b Assets included in Form 990, Part X	► \$

**Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets (continued)**

3 Using the organization's acquisition, accession, and other records, check any of the following that are a significant use of its collection items (check all that apply)

a <input type="checkbox"/> Public exhibition	d <input type="checkbox"/> Loan or exchange programs
b <input type="checkbox"/> Scholarly research	e <input type="checkbox"/> Other
c <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation for future generations	

4 Provide a description of the organization's collections and explain how they further the organization's exempt purpose in Part XIII

5 During the year, did the organization solicit or receive donations of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets to be sold to raise funds rather than to be maintained as part of the organization's collection?

Yes  No

**Part IV Escrow and Custodial Arrangements.**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 9, or reported an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21

1a Is the organization an agent, trustee, custodian or other intermediary for contributions or other assets not included on Form 990, Part X?

Yes  No

b If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII and complete the following table

	Amount
1c	0
1d	
1e	
1f	0

2a Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21, for escrow or custodial account liability?

Yes  No

b If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII. Check here if the explanation has been provided on Part XIII

**Part V Endowment Funds.**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 10

	(a) Current year	(b) Prior year	(c) Two years back	(d) Three years back	(e) Four years back
1a Beginning of year balance	0	0	0	0	0
b Contributions					
c Net investment earnings, gains, and losses					
d Grants or scholarships					
e Other expenditures for facilities and programs					
f Administrative expenses					
g End of year balance	0	0	0	0	0

2 Provide the estimated percentage of the current year end balance (line 1g, column (a)) held as

a Board designated or quasi-endowment ► %

b Permanent endowment ► %

c Temporarily restricted endowment ► %

The percentages on lines 2a, 2b, and 2c should equal 100%

3a Are there endowment funds not in the possession of the organization that are held and administered for the organization by

Yes  No

3a(i) unrelated organizations

3a(ii) related organizations

b If "Yes" on line 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R?

4 Describe in Part XIII the intended uses of the organization's endowment funds

3a(i)

3a(ii)

3b

**Part VI Land, Buildings, and Equipment.**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11a. See Form 990, Part X, line 10

	Description of property	(a) Cost or other basis (investment)	(b) Cost or other basis (other)	(c) Accumulated depreciation	(d) Book value
1a Land		0	0		0
b Buildings		0	0	0	0
c Leasehold improvements		0	0	0	0
d Equipment		0	0	0	0
e Other		0	0	0	0

Total. Add lines 1a through 1e (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10c)

**Part VII Investments—Other Securities.**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11b. See Form 990, Part X, line 12

(a) Description of security or category (including name of security)	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation Cost or end-of-year market value
(1) Financial derivatives	0	
(2) Closely-held equity interests	0	
(3) Other		
(A)		
(B)		
(C)		
(D)		
(E)		
(F)		
(G)		
(H)		
Total (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 12) ►	0	

**Part VIII Investments—Program Related.**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11c. See Form 990, Part X, line 13

(a) Description of investment	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation Cost or end-of-year market value
(1)		
(2)		
(3)		
(4)		
(5)		
(6)		
(7)		
(8)		
(9)		
Total (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 13) ►	0	

**Part IX Other Assets.**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11d. See Form 990, Part X, line 15

(a) Description	(b) Book value
(1)	
(2)	
(3)	
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	

Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 15) ►

0

**Part X Other Liabilities.**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11e or 11f. See Form 990, Part X, line 25

(a) Description of liability	(b) Book value
(1) Federal income taxes	0
(2)	
(3)	
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
Total (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 25) ►	0

2. Liability for uncertain tax positions In Part XIII, provide the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that reports the

**Part XI** Reconciliation of Revenue per Audited Financial Statements With Revenue per Return.  
Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 12a

1	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements	1	850,408
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12		
a	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	2a	-1,917
b	Donated services and use of facilities	2b	
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII )	2d	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	-1,917
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	852,325
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line 1		
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII )	4b	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	0
5	Total revenue. Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12 )	5	852,325

**Part XII** Reconciliation of Expenses per Audited Financial Statements With Expenses per Return.  
Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 12a

1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements	1	586,073
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25		
a	Donated services and use of facilities	2a	
b	Prior year adjustments	2b	
c	Other losses	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII )	2d	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	0
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	586,073
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line 1		
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII )	4b	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	0
5	Total expenses. Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18 )	5	586,073

### Part XIII - Supplemental Information.

Provide the descriptions required for Part II, lines 3, 5, and 9, Part III, lines 1a and 4, Part IV, lines 1b and 2b, Part V, line 4, Part X, line 2, Part XI, lines 2d and 4b, and Part XII, lines 2d and 4b. Also complete this part to provide any additional information.

**SCHEDULE F**  
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

**Statement of Activities Outside the United States**

OMB No 1545-0047

**2016**

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Name of the organization

Fur Commission USA, Inc

Employer identification number  
41-1784046

- Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 14b, 15, or 16
- Attach to Form 990.
- Information about Schedule F (Form 990) and its instructions is at [www.irs.gov/form990](http://www.irs.gov/form990).

**Part I General Information on Activities Outside the United States.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 14b

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

2 **For grantmakers** Describe in Part V the organization's procedures for monitoring the use of its grants and other assistance outside the United States

3 Activities per Region (The following Part I, line 3 table can be duplicated if additional space is needed )

(a) Region	(b) Number of offices in the region	(c) Number of employees, agents, and independent contractors in the region	(d) Activities conducted in the region (by type) (such as, fundraising, program services, investments, grants to recipients located in the region)	(e) If activity listed in (d) is a program service, describe specific type of service(s) in the region	(f) Total expenditures for and investments in the region
North America (1)	0	0	grants to recipients in reg	research	63,589
Europe (Including Iceland and Greenland) (2)	0	0	grants to recipients in reg	research	51,061
North America (3)	0	0	program services	fur farms security consulting	30,000
(4)					
(5)					
(6)					
(7)					
(8)					
(9)					
(10)					
(11)					
(12)					
(13)					
(14)					
(15)					
(16)					
(17)					
3a Sub-total	0	0			144,650
b Total from continuation sheets to Part I	0	0			0
c Totals (add lines 3a and 3b)	0	0			144,650

**Part II Grants and Other Assistance to Organizations or Entities Outside the United States.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 15, for any recipient who received more than \$5,000. Part II can be duplicated if additional space is needed

1	(a) Name of organization	(b) IRS code section and EIN (if applicable)	(c) Region	(d) Purpose of grant	(e) Amount of cash grant	(f) Manner of cash disbursement	(g) Amount of noncash assistance	(h) Description of noncash assistance	(i) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)
(1)		Europe (including Iceland and North America)	research		51,061	check			Book
(2)		North America	research		9,919	check			Book
(3)		North America	research		7,235	check			Book
(4)		North America	research		46,435	check			Book
(5)									
(6)									
(7)									
(8)									
(9)									
(10)									
(11)									
(12)									
(13)									
(14)									
(15)									
(16)									

2 Enter total number of recipient organizations listed above that are recognized as charities by the foreign country, recognized as tax-exempt by the IRS, or for which the grantee or counsel has provided a section 501(c)(3) equivalency letter

3 Enter total number of other organizations or entities

4 \_\_\_\_\_  
0 \_\_\_\_\_

**Part III Grants and Other Assistance to Individuals Outside the United States.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 16

Part III can be duplicated if additional space is needed

(a) Type of grant or assistance	(b) Region	(c) Number of recipients	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Manner of cash disbursement	(f) Amount of noncash assistance	(g) Description of noncash assistance	(h) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)
(1)							
(2)							
(3)							
(4)							
(5)							
(6)							
(7)							
(8)							
(9)							
(10)							
(11)							
(12)							
(13)							
(14)							
(15)							
(16)							
(17)							
(18)							

**Part IV Foreign Forms**

1 Was the organization a U S transferor of property to a foreign corporation during the tax year? *If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 926, Return by a U S Transferor of Property to a Foreign Corporation (see Instructions for Form 926)*  Yes  No

2 Did the organization have an interest in a foreign trust during the tax year? *If "Yes," the organization may be required to separately file Form 3520, Annual Return To Report Transactions With Foreign Trusts and Receipt of Certain Foreign Gifts, and/or Form 3520-A, Annual Information Return of Foreign Trust With a U S Owner (see Instructions for Forms 3520 and 3520-A, do not file with Form 990)*  Yes  No

3 Did the organization have an ownership interest in a foreign corporation during the tax year? *If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 5471, Information Return of U S Persons With Respect To Certain Foreign Corporations (see Instructions for Form 5471)*  Yes  No

4 Was the organization a direct or indirect shareholder of a passive foreign investment company or a qualified electing fund during the tax year? *If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 8621, Information Return by a Shareholder of a Passive Foreign Investment Company or Qualified Electing Fund (see Instructions for Form 8621)*  Yes  No

5 Did the organization have an ownership interest in a foreign partnership during the tax year? *If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 8865, Return of U S Persons With Respect to Certain Foreign Partnerships (see Instructions for Form 8865)*  Yes  No

6 Did the organization have any operations in or related to any boycotting countries during the tax year? *If "Yes," the organization may be required to separately file Form 5713, International Boycott Report (see Instructions for Form 5713, do not file with Form 990)*  Yes  No

**Part V****Supplemental Information**

Provide the information required by Part I, line 2 (monitoring of funds), Part I, line 3, column (f) (accounting method, amounts of investments vs expenditures per region), Part II, line 1 (accounting method), Part III (accounting method), and Part III, column (c) (estimated number of recipients), as applicable. Also complete this part to provide any additional information. See instructions.

Part I Line 2 The researchers provide reports to the research committee. These reports

detail their activities and results of the research

**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.

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service  
Name of the organization

For Commission USA, Inc

► Attach to Form 990

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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

**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

1 (a) Name and address of organization or government	(b) EIN	(c) IRC section if applicable	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Amount of non-cash assistance	(f) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(g) Description of non-cash assistance	(h) Purpose of grant or assistance
(1) Undisclosed recipient		1		4,362		Book	research
(2) Undisclosed recipient				6,924		Book	
(3)							
(4)							
(5)							
(6)							
(7)							
(8)							
(9)							
(10)							
(11)							
(12)							

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

▲ 2  
▲ 3  
▲ 0

**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 noncash assistance	(e) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(f) Description of noncash assistance
1					
2					
3					
4					
5					
6					
7					

**Part IV Supplemental Information.** Provide the information required in Part I, line 2, Part III, column (b), and any other additional information

Part I Line 2. The researchers provide reports to the research committee. These reports detail their activities and the results of the research

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

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

**Transactions With Interested Persons**

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Name of the organization

Fur Commission USA, Inc.

Employer identification number

41-1784046

**Part I**

**Excess Benefit Transactions** (section 501(c)(3), section 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations only)

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 25a or 25b, or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 40b

1	(a) Name of disqualified person	(b) Relationship between disqualified person and organization	(c) Description of transaction	(d) Corrected?	
				Yes	No
(1)					
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					
(5)					
(6)					

2 Enter the amount of tax incurred by the organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under section 4958

► \$ \_\_\_\_\_

3 Enter the amount of tax, if any, on line 2, above, reimbursed by the organization

► \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Part II**

**Loans to and/or From Interested Persons**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 38a or Form 990, Part IV, line 26, or if the organization reported an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 5, 6, or 22

(a) Name of interested person	(b) Relationship with organization	(c) Purpose of loan	(d) Loan to or from the organization?	(e) Original principal amount	(f) Balance due	(g) In default?		(h) Approved by board or committee?		(i) Written agreement?	
						Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
(1)											
(2)											
(3)											
(4)											
(5)											
(6)											
(7)											
(8)											
(9)											
(10)											

Total

► \$

0

**Part III**

**Grants or Assistance Benefiting Interested Persons.**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 27

(a) Name of interested person	(b) Relationship between interested person and the organization	(c) Amount of assistance	(d) Type of assistance	(e) Purpose of assistance
(1)				
(2)				
(3)				
(4)				
(5)				
(6)				
(7)				
(8)				
(9)				
(10)				

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**Part IV Business Transactions Involving Interested Persons**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 28a, 28b, or 28c

(a) Name of interested person	(b) Relationship between interested person and the organization	(c) Amount of transaction	(d) Description of transaction	(e) Sharing of organization's revenues?	
				Yes	No
(1) Barbara Whelan	spouse of Executive Director	39,483	Independent contractor compensation		X
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					
(5)					
(6)					
(7)					
(8)					
(9)					
(10)					

**Part V Supplemental Information**

Provide additional information for responses to questions on Schedule L (see instructions)

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

**Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ**

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

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Form 990, Part VI, Section A, Line 6. FCUSA is a trade association representing its

members-mink farmers

Form 990, Part VI, Section A, Line 7a. Members annually elect FCUSA directors

Form 990, Part VI, Section A, Line 7b. Major decisions may be approved by membership

Form 990, Part VI, Section B, Line 11b. The Form 990 is reviewed by the Executive Director and

Board of Directors prior to filing

Form 990, Part VI, Section B, Line 15a. The Board determines Executive Director's compensation

and a written contract for Executive Director services is approved and signed by the Board

Form 990, Part VI, Line 19. Governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial

statements are available upon request

Form 990, Part IX, Line 11g. Fees for services (non-employees) secretarial \$20,348, security

director \$61,668, database \$26,000 ranch services and research \$68,900