

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES
Disclosure Form
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For Individuals:

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For Witnesses Representing Organizations:

1. Name: [Candy Hansard](#)
2. Name of Organization(s) You are Representing at the Hearing: [Emerald Coast Reef Association Inc.](#)
3. Business Address: [P.O. Box 273 ~ Niceville, FL 32588](#)
4. Business Email Address: Candy@ecreef.org
5. Business Phone Number: [850-729-7619](tel:850-729-7619)

Name/Organization: Emerald Coast Reef Association Inc.

Title/Date of Hearing: "Fishing = Jobs: How Strengthening America's Fisheries Strengthens Our Economy." / August 25, 2012

a. Any training or educational certificates, diplomas or degrees or other educational experiences that are relevant to your qualifications to testify on or knowledge of the subject matter of the hearing.

Experience Related to this Topic: In 2006, I started the Reef Building Program for the Emerald Coast Reef Association inc. and, continue to serve as the Reef Deployment Director. I am the Administrator of our FREE public forum, which, at the time of this submission, has 529 registered members, most of whom are recreational fishermen/women and divers. As the Officer that does volunteer recruiting, I have, over the past 6 years, listened to hundreds of fishermen and women tell me their feelings about what is happening to their access to the fishery and how it makes them feel. This is often the topic of discussion when I am recruiting people to volunteer to participate in reef building. ECRA, as an organization focuses on solution oriented activities and, we believe the best solution to fix our fishery problems is to increase fish habitat to build and support a sustainable fishery. 100% of our work is accomplished using volunteer labor and private donations.

b. Any professional licenses, certifications, or affiliations held that are relevant to your qualifications to testify on or knowledge of the subject matter of the hearing.

N/A

c. Any employment, occupation, ownership in a firm or business, or work-related experiences that relate to your qualifications to testify on or knowledge of the subject matter of the hearing.

See answer in (a)

d. Any federal grants or contracts (including subgrants or subcontracts) from the Department of the Interior (and/or other agencies invited) that you have received in the current year and previous four years, including the source and the amount of each grant or contract.

Our non-profit has operated completely on volunteer labor and private contributions.

e. A list of all lawsuits or petitions filed by you against the federal government in the current year and the previous four years, giving the name of the lawsuit or petition, the subject matter of the lawsuit or petition, and the federal statutes under which the lawsuits or petitions were filed.

N/A

f. Any other information you wish to convey that might aid the Members of the Committee to better understand the context of your testimony.

Our membership consists mainly of private recreational fishermen and divers. The dedication of our members to build a healthy and sustainable fishery in an effort to preserve their access and their heritage is amazing. Our members volunteer their time and service to help gut, clean, prepare and deploy vessels and other artificial reefs. This type of work is very hard physical labor and requires a wide range of skills ranging from unskilled labor, welders, demolition, engineering and professional towing Captains. These are extraordinary, dedicated, and responsible recreational fishermen and divers who support our fishery and our coastal economy.

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In addition, for witnesses representing organizations:

g. Any offices, elected positions, or representational capacity held in the organization(s) on whose behalf you are testifying.

[I am the Vice President and Reef Deployment Director. I also serve as the Administrator of our Free public forum and volunteer recruitment.](#)

h. Any federal grants or contracts (including subgrants or subcontracts) from the Department of the Interior (and /or other agencies invited) that were received in the current year and previous four years by the organization(s) you represent at this hearing, including the source and amount of each grant or contract for each of the organization(s).

[N/A](#)

i. A list of all lawsuits or petitions filed by the organization(s) you represent at the hearing against the federal government in the current year and the previous four years, giving the name of the lawsuit or petition, the subject matter of the lawsuit or petition, and the federal statutes under which the lawsuits or petitions were filed for each of the organization(s).

[N/A](#)

j. A list of any countries from which the organization(s) you represent at the hearing have received foreign donations and the total amount of donations received from each country, for the current year and the previous four years, by each organization.

[N/A](#)

k. For tax-exempt organizations and non-profit organizations, copies of the three most recent public IRS Form 990s (including Form 990-PF, Form 990-N, and Form 990-EZ) for each of the organization(s) you represent at the hearing (not including any contributor names and addresses or any information withheld from public inspection by the Secretary of the Treasury under 26 U.S.C. 6104)).

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Form **990-N**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Electronic Notice (e-Postcard)
for Tax-Exempt Organizations not Required To File Form 990 or
990-EZ

OMB No. 1545-2085

2011

Open to Public
Inspection

A For the 2011 calendar year, or tax year beginning 1/1/2011, and ending 12/31/2011.

B Check if applicable

Terminated, Out of
Business

Gross receipts are normally
\$50,000 or less

C Name of organization: EMERALD COAST REEF ASSOCIATION
INC
d/b/a:

PO Box 273
Niceville, FL, US, 32588

D Employer
Identification
Number
20-0622053

E Website: www.ECReef.org

F Name of Principal Officer: Cindy Hansard

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2010

Open to Public Inspection

A For the 2010 calendar year, or tax year beginning 1/1/2010, and ending 12/31/2010.

B Check if applicable

Terminated, Out of Business

Gross receipts are normally \$50,000 or less

C Name of organization: EMERALD COAST REEF ASSOCIATION

INC
d/b/a:

% Candy Hansard
PO Box 273
Niceville, FL, US, 32588

D Employer Identification Number
20-0622053

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