

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES
Disclosure Form
As required by and provided for in House Rule XI, clause 2(g) and
the Rules of the Committee on Natural Resources

For Individuals:

1. Name: **Jim Hutchinson**

2. Address: [Information redacted for privacy]

3. Email Address: [Information redacted for privacy]

4. Phone Number: [Information redacted for privacy]

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For Witnesses Representing Organizations:

1. Name: **Jim Hutchinson**

2. Name of Organization(s) You are Representing at the Hearing:
Recreational Fishing Alliance
New York Sportfishing Federation

3. Business Address:
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New Gretna, NJ 08224

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888-564-6732

Name/Organization: Recreational Fishing Alliance

Title/Date of Hearing Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans and Insular Affairs Legislative Hearing on H.R. 3906, H.R. 6007 and H.R. 6096

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.

N/A (Assoc. Degree photography, B.S. Communications)

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.

President of the New York Sportfishing Federation and active board member of Partnership of Mid Atlantic Fisheries Management Science, New Jersey Sea Grant Consortium's Stakeholder's Advisory Board, Tuckerton Seaport Board of Trustees, Long Island Sound Study's Citizens Advisory Committee, and Long Beach Island Surf Fishing Classic Tournament Committee.

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.

Presently employed full-time (since 2009) as managing director of the Recreational Fishing Alliance. Employed full-time by The Fisherman magazine from 2002-2006 as managing editor; promoted to executive editor from 2006-2009.

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.

N/A

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.

RFA filed a lawsuit against current NOAA Administration pertaining to the 2009 closure of the black sea bass recreational fishery appealing for "expedited consideration" on behalf of the recreational fishing community. U.S. District Court Judge Joel Pisano dismissed the suit in March of 2011.

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

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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. **President (elected) of the New York Sportfishing Federation; managing director of Recreational Fishing Alliance.**

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).

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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)). **N/A**