

**COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES**  
**113<sup>th</sup> Congress Disclosure Form**  
**As required by and provided for in House Rule XI, clause 2(g) and**  
**the Rules of the Committee on Natural Resources**

*Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act – Wednesday, March 13, 2013*

For Individuals:

1. Name: Joe Plesha
  
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5303 Shilshole Ave. NW  
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For Witnesses Representing Organizations:

1. Name: Joe Plesha
  
2. Name of Organization(s) You are Representing at the Hearing: Trident Seafoods Corporation
  
3. Business Address: [Information redacted for privacy]
  
4. Business Email Address: [Information redacted for privacy]
  
5. Business Phone Number: [Information redacted for privacy]

**For all Witnesses**

Mr. Joe Plesha, Trident Seafoods

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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.

Not really. I graduated from the University of Washington in 1978 with a BA degree and from the University of Puget Sound School of Law in 1981 with a JD degree.

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.

Again, the answer is probably no. I am a member of the State of Washington and Alaska bars.

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.

I was legislative assistant to Senator Frank Murkowski of Alaska with responsibility for fishery issues from 1983 to April of 1985; and then counsel to the Senate Commerce Committee with responsibility of oceans issues from April of 1985 through all of 1986.

I have worked as General Counsel to Trident Seafoods Corporation from October 1987 to 2009, when I became Trident's Chief Legal Officer.

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

No.

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.

None.

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

None.

g. Any other information you wish to convey that might aid the Members of the Committee to better

understand the context of your testimony.

### **Witnesses Representing Organizations**

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

No.

i. Any federal grants or contracts (including subgrants or subcontracts) from the Department of Commerce 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).

Trident is in the final year of our contract with NOAA for the Eastern Bering Sea trawl survey on the fishing vessel ALDEBARAN. We have done this fishery survey from seventeen years. That is the only contract with the Department of Commerce of which we are aware.

j. 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).

Trident Seafoods, et. al., Plaintiffs, v .John E Bryson, et. al., Defendants. The litigation was over the adoption of the rockfish program. It was filed under NEPA and Magnuson-Stevens Act. The district court for the Western District of Washington denied standing and the plaintiffs did not appeal.

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

Although I cannot find it on Westlaw, Trident entered into a Consent Decree with EPA in 2012 regarding alleged violations of the Clean Water Act of discharges of seafood processing waste at some of its facilities in Alaska.

l. 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)).

Not applicable.