

**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**

*Oversight hearing on data collection issues in relation to the reauthorization of the Magnuson-Stevens  
Fishery Conservation and Management Act  
Tuesday, May 21, 2013*

For Individuals:

1. Name: David M. Donaldson
  
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: David M. Donaldson
  
2. Name of Organization(s) You are Representing at the Hearing: Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission
  
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. David M. Donaldson, Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission  
*Subcommittee on FWO&IA Oversight hearing – Tuesday, May 21, 2013*

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.

B.S. in Marine Biology from Texas A&M University in Galveston  
M.A. in Recreational and Resource Development from Texas A&M University

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.

I have been a member of the American Fisheries Society since 1990 and have routinely attending and represented the Commission at the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council meeting since 1995.

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 have been employed by the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission since 1990. I served at the SEAMAP Coordinator from 1990 to 1997; Serves at GulfFIN Data Program Manager from 1997 to present; Serves as Assistant Director from 2007 to present.

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.

	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009
<b>US Department of Commerce</b>					
Interjurisdictional Fisheries Management Plan	87,476	233,181	234,894	235,198	234,963
Recreational Fisheries Information Network and Commercial Fisheries Information Network	799,224	7,133,725	6,237,911	7,634,424	5,589,287
Economic Data Program		106,000		1,351,860	
Southeast Area Monitoring and Assessment Program		249,348	259,474	259,474	259,474
Habitat Conservation			60,858	56,789	53,670
Oil Disaster Recovery Program				14,985,000	
Stock Assessment Enhancement				6,150,000	

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.

I have been involved in the coordination of the collection and management of marine fisheries data in the Gulf of Mexico. I have worked to improve the quantity and quality of these data with our states and federal partners for the betterment of the management of the marine resources in the Gulf of Mexico.

## 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.

As the Assistant Director of the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission, I represent the Commission at national and regional policy venues and meetings.

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).

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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).

None.

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.

None.

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)).

Internal Revenue Service  
Director, Exempt Organizations

Department of the Treasury  
P.O. Box 2508 - Room 4122  
Cincinnati, Ohio 45201

Date: April 22, 2004

Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission  
PO Box 726  
Ocean Springs, MS 39566

Employer Identification Number:  
72-6012779

Person to Contact - ID#:  
Michael Ludwig - 31-07640  
Group 7825

Contact Telephone Numbers:  
513-263-3452 Phone  
513-263-4513 FAX

Dear Sir or Madam:

We have considered your request for termination of your organization's exempt status from Federal income tax under section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code as an organization described in section 501(c)(5). However, there is no provision in the Code or Regulations for an organization to voluntarily relinquish its exempt status. Such a request would constitute a letter ruling request that is subject to the user fee requirements of Revenue Procedure 2004-8 or its successor.

Your exemption letter under section 501(c)(5) remains in effect.

If you wish to pursue a letter ruling request, then submit the request according to Revenue Procedure 2004-4 or its successor.

Our records indicate that your organization may also be a governmental instrumentality or a political subdivision of a state. As such, your organization's income may also be excluded under section 115 of the Code.

Your organization may obtain a letter ruling on its status under section 115 by following the procedures specified in Rev. Proc. 2004-1 or its successor.

Finally, the organization has also requested that the 990 filing requirement be removed. You meet the qualifications for exception to the Form 990 filing requirement per Revenue Procedure 95-48 and as such, the requirement to file Form 990 has been removed from your account.

If you have any questions, please contact the person whose name and telephone number appear in the heading of this letter.

Sincerely yours,



Lois G. Lerner  
Director, Exempt Organizations  
Rulings and Agreements



Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

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In reply refer to: 0248219434  
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GULF STATES MARINE FISHERIES COMM  
2404 GOVERNMENT ST  
OCEAN SPRINGS MS 39564-4130



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Employer Identification Number: 72-6012779  
Person to Contact: Ms. Benson  
Toll Free Telephone Number: 1-877-829-5500

Dear Taxpayer:

This is in response to your Sep. 21, 2012, request for information regarding your tax-exempt status.

Our records indicate that you were recognized as exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code in a determination letter issued in March 1992.

Because you are not an organization described in section 170(c) of the Code, donors may not deduct contributions made to you. You should advise your contributors to that effect.

Please refer to our website [www.irs.gov/eo](http://www.irs.gov/eo) for information regarding filing requirements. Specifically, section 6033(j) of the Code provides that failure to file an annual information return for three consecutive years results in revocation of tax-exempt status as of the filing due date of the third return for organizations required to file. We will publish a list of organizations whose tax-exempt status was revoked under section 6033(j) of the Code on our website beginning in early 2011.

If you have any questions, please call us at the telephone number shown in the heading of this letter.

Sincerely yours,

Richard McKee, Department Manager  
Accounts Management Operations