

**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: Robert L. Shipp
  
2. Address: c/o Department of Marine Sciences,  
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Mobile, AL 36688
  
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4. Phone Number: [Information redacted for privacy]

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For Witnesses Representing Organizations:

1. Name:
  
2. Name of Organization(s) You are Representing at the Hearing:
  
3. Business Address:
  
4. Business Email Address:
  
5. Business Phone Number:

**For all Witnesses**

Dr. Robert L Shipp, Department of Marine Sciences-University of South Alabama  
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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.

BS, MS, and PhD in Marine science, certified fishery biologist.

- 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.

Member of Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 1991-1999, 2005 to present. Three terms as Council chair, currently chair of the Council's Reef Fish 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.

As chair of the Department of Marine Sciences, University of South Alabama, I have a 40 year career in fishery research and mentoring fishery students. More than 25 peer reviewed publications dealing with marine fisheries.

- 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.

None

- 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.

- f.

None

- g. 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

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

i.

During the last 20 years, my research has focused on the importance of artificial structures to the red snapper stocks of the Gulf of Mexico. I have documented to demographic changes to that stock as a result of the increased habitat for red snapper.

## 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.

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).

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).

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.

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)).