COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES
113th 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

Management of Red Snapper in the Gulf of Mexico under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act– Thursday, June 27, 2013

For Individuals:

1. Name:

2. Address:

3. Email Address:

4. Phone Number:

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For Witnesses Representing Organizations:

1. Name: Robin Riechers, Director of Coastal Fisheries

2. Name of Organization(s) You are Representing at the Hearing: Texas Parks and Wildlife Dept.

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For all Witnesses

Mr. Robin Riechers, Coastal Fisheries Division, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
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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.

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.

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.

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.

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. 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.

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. Director of Coastal Fisheries Division, Texas Parks and Wildlife Dept. since February, 2010 and have been working in various capacities for the Coastal Fisheries Division for 25 years. Member of the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (GMFMC) since 2000. Served as Chairman of the GMFMC in 2006 and 2007.

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). National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) (See Attachment A)

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).
Name: The State of Texas and The State of Louisiana vs. National Marine Fisheries Service, U.S. Dept of Commerce
Subject: Contesting a recent Emergency Rule put Forth by National Marine Fisheries Service, U.S. Dept. of Commerce

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. N/A

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)).
Texas Parks and Wildlife Department is not a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit, but a governmental entity. (See Attachment B)

Attachment A

Coastal Zone Management Act Grant – Texas General Land Office
Award No. NA09NOS4190165 (2010)
Coastal Expo: $100,000 Federal

Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission
Award No. NA10NMF4340013 (2011)
Texas Recreational Saltwater and All water Combination License Holder Survey: $21,000 Federal
Trip Ticket Program (2010) - $176,486 Federal
Trip Ticket Program (2012) - $236,355 Federal

Logbook Reporting Program (2010) - $0 Federal

Biological Sampling Program (2010) - $22,640 Federal
Biological Sampling Program (2013) - $14,151 Federal

Award No. NA10NMF4720482 (2012) - $12,891 Federal

Award No. NA06NMF4540319 (2006 – 2013) - $1,374,552.55 – Federal
Habitat Restoration – Oyster and Shrimp nursery areas in Keith Lake
Debris Removal
Habitat Mapping

Award No. NA07NMF4540373 (2007 – 2011) - $1,173,000 – Federal
Assistance to Texas Fisheries Business and Industry
Additional assistance to Texas Fishermen compliant with TED BRD Regulations (2007 – 2009) $27,000

Southeast Region Cooperative Fisheries Statistics Program
Award No. NA07NMF4340041 (2007 – 2012)
Texas Commercial Fish Landings - $406,410 Federal

Award No. NA12NMF4340064 (2013)
Texas Commercial Fish Landings - $70,587 Federal

Southeast Area Monitoring and Assessment Program
Award No. NA06NMF4350008 (2006 – 2011) - $529,988 Federal

Award No. NA07NMF4350194 (2007 – 2011) - $90,860 Federal

Award No. NA11NMF4350042 (2011 – 2016) - $137,335 Federal

Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council – Liaison Program
2009 – 2013 costs not to exceed $35,000 per calendar year

NOAA
Hurricane Ike Fishery Disaster Program (2009 – 2014)
Award No. NOAA-NMFS-SE-2009-2001665 - $7,000,000 – Federal

Hurricane Ike Oyster Habitat Reclamation (2009 – 2011)
Award No. NOAA-NMFS-HCPO-2009-2001709 - $10,000,000 – Federal

Gulf of Mexico Bay-Watershed Education and Training (B-WET) Program
Award No. NOAA-NMFS-SE-2012-2003085 (2012 – 2013) - $100,000 Federal

NOAA Restoration Center Community Based Restoration Program
Southeast Aquatic Resources Partnership (2009 – 2011)
North Shore Eagle Point Oyster Restoration – Phase II - $50,000 Federal

National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (2009 – 2011)
North Shore Eagle Point Oyster Restoration – Phase I - $10,000 Federal

Dauphin Island Sea Lab
Award No. NA08NOS4730393 (2011) - $20,000 Federal

Attachment 3

Tax-Exempt status

-----Original Message-----

From: Ann Bright
Sent: Friday, February 18, 2005 8:21 AM
To: Anne Clark; Judy Doran
Cc: Susan Schulte; Craig Richlen
Subject: RE: Non profit 5013 status

TPWD is not a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, but a governmental entity.

However, within certain limits, charitable contributions to TPWD are deductible from individual and corporate federal income tax. 26 U.S.C. §170(a). The Internal Revenue Code defines "charitable contribution" to include "a contribution or gift to or for the use of . . . a State, a possession of the United States, or any political subdivision of any of the foregoing, or the United States or the District of Columbia, but only if the contribution or gift is made for exclusively public purposes." (Emphasis added.) 26 U.S.C. §170(c). Similarly, IRS Publication 526 states that contributions to a "qualified organization" are deductible and that a "qualified organization" includes the United States or a State, if the contribution is used for public purposes. Examples listed in Publication 526 include donations to a city policy department's information reward program, public parks and recreation programs.

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