

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

H.R. ____ Strengthening Fishing Communities and Increasing Flexibility in Fisheries Management
Act Tuesday, February 4, 2014

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For Witnesses Representing Organizations:

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2. Name of Organization(s) You are Representing at the Hearing:

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For all Witnesses

Mr. James A. Donofrio - Recreational Fishing Alliance

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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.

100 Tons USCG Master License, 25 years fishing professionally in all fisheries from HMS to inshore from New England To South Florida and Gulf

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.

Served 10 years as member of HMS committee and ten as a member of US ICCAT delegation

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.

Owned and Operated Drifter Fishing charters Belmar NJ, operated charter and party boats from New England to South Florida

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.

Filed lawsuit against NOAA regarding black sea bass management 2010

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.

Working as a professional charter operation in different areas of the country for over 25 years and working with RFA members and recreational industry folks for the last 17 has given good insights to where and how to work out the balance for access and conservation. Right now we have very restricted access and good conservation. This one sided system does not work for jobs in our industry

Witnesses Representing Organizations

Mr. James A. Donofrio - Recreational Fishing Alliance

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

NONE

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).

NONE

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).

Lawsuit against NOAA on black sea bass mangement

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)).

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The Reauthorization of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act
– Tuesday, February 4, 2014

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For all Witnesses

Mr. Jeff Deem, Recreational Fishing Alliance
The Reauthorization of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act
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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.

Energy Management Diploma from Virginia Tech. Somewhat relevant to the effect of energy production on the environment, including the ocean and fisheries.

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.

Appointed recreational fishing representative for the Mid Atlantic Regional Ocean Council (MARCO) Currently one of two Virginia appointed representatives to the Mid Atlantic Fisheries Management Council. Also served on the Council from 2006 to 2009.

Currently Chairman of the Virginia Marine Resources Commission's (VMRC), Finfish Management Advisory Committee (FMAC).

Served on numerous ad hoc committees for the VMRC.

Recreational fisherman.

Certified Energy Manager (CEM) and Vice President of the National Capital Chapter of the Association of Energy Engineers. Somewhat relevant to the effect of energy production on the environment including the ocean and fisheries.

Association of Energy Engineers Fellow.

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.

None additional to what is listed above.

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.

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Served on numerous MAFMC committees related to the effects of the MSA on fisheries management.

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

RFA member.

I have accompanied RFA staff during visits to Congressional offices in the past.

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In October 2010, the Recreational Fishing Alliance filed a lawsuit against the National Marine Fisheries Service with the US Federal Court in Trenton, NJ challenging the emergency closure of the recreational black sea bass fishery for 180 days based on projected landings estimates. The RFA claimed that by closing the recreational black sea bass fishery through emergency action that the NMFS violated several provisions of the Magnuson Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, the Regulatory Flexibility Act and the National Environmental Policy ACT.

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See attached