

LOBBYING REPORT

Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 (Section 5) - **All Filers Are Required To Complete This Page**

1. Registrant Name:

NATL FISHERIES INST

2. Address:

1901 N FORT MYER DR #700, ARLINGTON, VA 22209

3. Principal place of business (if different from line 2):

4. Contact Name: JUSTIN LEBLANC

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Senate ID #: 27833-12

House ID #: 32613000

7. Client Name: Self

TYPE OF REPORT

8. Year 2000 Midyear (January 1 - June 30): **OR** Year End (July 1 - December 31):

9. Check if this filing amends a previously filed version of this report:

10. Check if this is a Termination Report: => Termination Date: _____ 11. No Lobbying Activity:

INCOME OR EXPENSES

Complete Either Line 12 **OR** Line 13

12. Lobbying Firms

INCOME relating to lobbying activities for this reporting period was:

Less than \$10,000:

\$10,000 or more: => Income (nearest \$20,000): _____

Provide a good faith estimate, rounded to the nearest \$20,000, of all lobbying related income from the client (including all payments to the registrant by any other entity for lobbying activities on behalf of the client).

13. Organizations

EXPENSES relating to lobbying activities for this reporting period were:

Less than \$10,000:

\$10,000 or more: => Expenses (nearest \$20,000): 80,000.00

14. Reporting Method.

Check box to indicate expense accounting method. See instructions for description of options.

- Method A.** Reporting amounts using LDA definitions only
 Method B. Reporting amounts under section 6033(b)(8) of the Internal Revenue Code
 Method C. Reporting amounts under section 162(e) of the Internal Revenue Code

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LOBBYING ACTIVITY

Select as many codes as necessary to reflect the general issue areas in which the registrant engaged in lobbying on behalf of the client during the reporting period. Using a separate page for each code, provide information as requested. Attach additional page(s) as needed.

15. General issue area code: AGR (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues:

HR 4780 Minor Use for Minor Species Act, in support of this legislation

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
SENATE

18. Name of each individual who acted as a lobbyist in this issue area:

Name: GEETS, PATRICIA

Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A

19. Interest of each foreign entity in the specific issues listed on line 16 above. **None**

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LOBBYING ACTIVITY

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15. General issue area code: F00 (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues:

Imported Food Safety legislation (HR 830 HR 2055 HR 3552 S1123 S1126 S2480 S2692 in opposition to mandatory equivalency requirements; Genetically Modified Foods Legislation (HR 3883 HR 4627 S2080 S2838) in opposition to increased regulation of GM foods; Natl Uniformity of food legislation (HR 2129 S1155) in support of uniformity; single food safety agency legislation (HR 1612 HR 2345 S908 S1281) in opposition to a single food safety agency; various food safety bills (HR 1346 in support of existing food safety regulatory framework as adequate and effective in protecting public health; Mercury in fish - support FDA's existing action level, oppose EPA's reference dose, & support NAS study incl. consideration of Seychelles Island study on Hg exposure through fish and seafood.

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Health & Human Services, Dept of (HHS)
SENATE

18. Name of each individual who acted as a lobbyist in this issue area:

Name: GEETS, PATRICIA
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A
Name: LEBLANC, JUSTIN
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A

19. Interest of each foreign entity in the specific issues listed on line 16 above. **None**

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15. General issue area code: FDR (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues:

InterAmerican Convention for the Protection & Conservation of Sea Turtles - in support of Senate ratification of treaty. Codification of current State Dept interpretation of P.L. 99-162, Sec. 609, which requires all nations wishing to export shrimp to the US to protect sea turtles in a manner equivalent to domestic sea turtle protection laws in the U.S..

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted:
SENATE

18. Name of each individual who acted as a lobbyist in this issue area:

Name: GEETS, PATRICIA
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A
Name: LEBLANC, JUSTIN
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A

19. Interest of each foreign entity in the specific issues listed on line 16 above. **None**

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15. General issue area code: MAR (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues:

1. Shark finning (HCon Res 189, HR 3535, HR 3078 - in support of a ban on the practice of shark finning. 2. Oceans Commission - HRes 415, HR 2425, HR 4410, S 959 - support of S 959 & appointment of a commercial fishing representative to the Oceans Commission. 3. Outer Continental Shelf Oil & Gas Lease Revenues - support HR 701 as most beneficial to marine fisheries research. 4. HR 934 - opposed to this legislation to ban commercial fishing for striped bass. 5. Coral Reef Initiatives- HR 2903, HR 3133, HR 3919, S 725 to question authority of the U.S. Coral Reef Task Force, the role of Marine Protected Areas, and the jurisdiction of the Departments of Commerce and Interior. 6. HR 3059, the Seabed Protection Act- opposed. 7. Atlantic Highly Migratory Species - HR 3331, HR 3390, HR 3516, HR 4412, S 1911- support S 1911/HR 3390, oppose other bills. 8. HR 3407- Keystone Species Conservation Act- support for potential benefits to industry sea turtle conservation efforts. 9. Magnuson-Stevens Fisher Conservation & Management Act - HR 4046, S 2832, S2973- support of S2832, oppose HR 4046, and in discussion over various aspects of S2973 including observers, individual fishing quotas, and Regional Fishery Management Council seats among other fishery conservation & management issues.

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted:

Commerce, Dept of (DOC)
Executive Office of the President
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Interior, Dept of (DOI)
SENATE

18. Name of each individual who acted as a lobbyist in this issue area:

Name: GEETS, PATRICIA
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A
Name: LEBLANC, JUSTIN
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A

19. Interest of each foreign entity in the specific issues listed on line 16 above. **None**

Signature: ON FILE Date: Aug 07, 2000

Printed Name and Title: JUSTIN LEBLANC - VICE PRESIDENT, GOVERNMENT RELATIONS