

N13000004584

(Requestor's Name)

(Address)

(Address)

(City/State/Zip/Phone #)

☐ PICK-UP

☐ WAIT

☐ MAIL

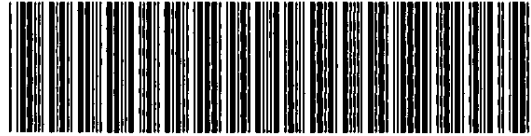
(Business Entity Name)

(Document Number)

Certified Copies _____ Certificates of Status _____

Special Instructions to Filing Officer:

Office Use Only



400247859054

05/13/13--01015--006 **70.00

FILED
13 MAY 13 AM 10:08
SECRETARY OF STATE
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

✓ 05/16/13

COVER LETTER

Department of State
Division of Corporations
P. O. Box 6327
Tallahassee, FL 32314

SUBJECT: Northwest Florida Marine Education and Discovery of Gulf Ecosystems, Inc.
(PROPOSED CORPORATE NAME – MUST INCLUDE SUFFIX)

Enclosed is an original and one (1) copy of the Articles of Incorporation and a check for :

☒ \$70.00
Filing Fee

☐ \$78.75
Filing Fee &
Certificate of
Status

☐ \$78.75
Filing Fee
& Certified Copy

☐ \$87.50
Filing Fee,
Certified Copy
& Certificate

ADDITIONAL COPY REQUIRED

FROM: Kerry Anne Schultz, Esq.
Name (Printed or typed)

2045 Fountain Professional Ct., Ste. A
Address

Navarre, Florida 32566
City, State & Zip

(850) 939-3535
Daytime Telephone number

KASchultz@FountainLaw.com
E-mail address: (to be used for future annual report notification)

NOTE: Please provide the original and one copy of the articles.

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
NORTHWEST FLORIDA MARINE EDUCATION
AND DISCOVERY OF GULF ECOSYSTEMS, INC.,
a Florida Not For Profit Corporation

THE UNDERSIGNED, for the purpose of forming a not for profit corporation under the Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act, as set forth in Chapter 617 of the Florida Statutes, hereby adopts the following Articles of Incorporation:

ARTICLE I
NAME

The name of this corporation is NORTHWEST FLORIDA MARINE EDUCATION AND DISCOVERY OF GULF ECOSYSTEMS, INC. The principal place of business is 8638 Blue Heron Ct., Navarre Beach, Florida 32566. Mailing address is 8638 Blue Heron Ct., Navarre Beach, Florida 32566.

ARTICLE II
DURATION

The duration of this corporation is perpetual.

ARTICLE III
PURPOSE

The corporation is a not for profit corporation under Chapter 617, Florida Statutes. The corporation is not formed for pecuniary gain or profit, direct or indirect, to itself or its members, directors or officers. No part of the income or assets of the corporation is distributable to or for the benefit of its directors or officers. The corporation is organized, and shall be operated exclusively for educational and charitable purposes. The main purpose of Northwest Florida Marine Education and Discovery of Gulf Ecosystems is to provide coastal restoration and conservation education, promote the study, education and discovery of marine life, and to support programs of the Santa Rosa County School District, Navarre Beach Marine Science Station.

Northwest Florida Marine Education and Discovery of Gulf Ecosystems will provide general public education through guided and self-guided tours, exploration of Gulf of Mexico through hands-on, coastal activities, discovery of marine life through interpretive programs, safe seafood programs, conservation and monitoring of Gulf of Mexico and support traditional education through Navarre Beach Marine Science Station. Programs will be featured in public venues as well as utilizing social media channels and the corporation's website to provide facts, statistics, and other related data on current efforts, current events, education programs and conservation of Gulf Eco Systems. The Programs will include outreach by ambassadors to raise social consciousness, protect water resources and marine life, promote conservation and host fundraising events to provide assistance to Navarre Beach Marine Science Station. To maximize impact of efforts, Northwest

FILED
13 MAY 13 AM 10:08
SECRETARY OF STATE
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

Florida Marine Education and Discovery of Gulf Ecosystems may seek to collaborate with other non-profit organizations which fall under the 501(c) (3) section of the internal revenue code and are operated exclusively for educational and charitable purposes. At times, per the discretion of the board of directors, Northwest Florida Marine Education and Discovery of Gulf Ecosystems may provide internships or volunteer opportunities which will provide opportunities for involvement in said activities and programs to have a greater impact for change.

The corporation is organized to do such other things as are incidental to the foregoing or necessary, implied, helpful, or desirable in order to accomplish the foregoing. Notwithstanding any other provisions of these Articles, the corporation shall not carry on any activity not permitted to be carried on by an organization exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3), of the Internal Revenue Code.

ARTICLE IV **REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT**

The street address of the initial registered office, and the mailing address of the registered agent is 2045 Fountain Professional Ct., Suite A, Navarre, Florida, 32566, and the name of its initial registered agent at such address is Kerry Anne Schultz, Esquire.

ARTICLE V **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

There shall be a board of directors consisting of at least five individuals. The initial directors are elected by the incorporators. After that, each director shall be elected by majority vote of the board of directors in the manner and at the times set forth in the bylaws. Any director may be removed by the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the board of directors. The names of the persons who are to serve as the initial directors are:

Charlene Mauro
8638 Blue Heron Ct.
Navarre Beach, FL 32566

Thomas Vatter
8460 East Bay Blvd.
Navarre, FL 32566

Ira Mae Bruce
8510 Navarre Pkwy.
Navarre, FL 32566

Christina Verlinde
6263 Dogwood Drive
Milton, FL 32570

Bridgette Van Camp
8390 Navarre Pkwy.
Navarre, FL 32566

FILED
13 MAY 13 AM 10:08
SECRETARY OF STATE
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

ARTICLE VII
OFFICERS

The board of directors shall elect the following officers: president, vice-president, treasurer, and secretary, and any other officers which the bylaws of this corporation authorize the directors to elect. Each officer shall be elected by a majority vote of the board of directors (and may be removed by a majority vote of the board of directors) at such time and in such manner as may be prescribed by the bylaws.

ARTICLE VIII
INCORPORATORS

The name of each incorporator is as follows:

Charlene Mauro
8638 Blue Heron Ct.
Navarre Beach, FL 32566

Thomas Vatter
8460 East Bay Blvd.
Navarre, FL 32566

Ira Mae Bruce
8510 Navarre Pkwy.
Navarre, FL 32566

Christina Verlinde
6263 Dogwood Drive
Milton, FL 32570

Bridgette Van Camp
8390 Navarre Pkwy.
Navarre, FL 32566

FILED
13 MAY 13 AM 10:09
SECRETARY OF STATE
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

ARTICLE VIII
AMENDMENT

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended in the manner provided by law.

ARTICLE IX
DISSOLUTION

Upon the dissolution of the corporation, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a Court of Competent Jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

We, the undersigned, being the incorporators of this corporation, for the purpose of forming this not for profit corporation under the Laws of Florida, have executed these Articles of Incorporation on May 8th, 2013.

Charlene Mauro
Charlene Mauro

Thomas Vatter
Thomas Vatter

Ira Mae Bruce
Ira Mae Bruce

Chris Verlinde
Chris Verlinde

Bridgette Van Camp
Bridgette Van Camp

FILED
13 MAY 13 AM 10:08
SECRETARY OF STATE
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF SANTA ROSA

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 8 day of May, 2013, by Charlene Mauro, Thomas Vatter, Ira Mae Bruce, Chris Verlinde, and Bridgette Van Camp, who () are personally known to me or who (✓) have produced Florida Driver's License, as identification and who did not take an oath.



PAMELA J. BURNS
NOTARY PUBLIC
STATE OF FLORIDA
Comm# DD0933154
Expires 10/14/2013

Pamela J. Burns
NOTARY PUBLIC
Commission Number: DD0933154
My Commission Expires 10-14-13

**ACCEPTANCE OF DESIGNATION AS
RESIDENT AGENT**

Kerry Anne Schultz, Esquire, the designated resident agent of NORTHWEST FLORIDA MARINE EDUCATION AND DISCOVERY OF GULF ECOSYSTEMS, INC., do hereby certify that her address is 2045 Fountain Professional Ct., Suite A, Navarre, Florida 32566, do hereby accept the designation and appointment as resident agent of NORTHWEST FLORIDA MARINE EDUCATION AND DISCOVERY OF GULF ECOSYSTEMS, INC., a Florida Not for Profit Corporation, and am familiar with and accept the duties and obligations of registered agent.

Dated this 8th day of May, 2013.




KERRY ANNE SCHULTZ

**STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF SANTA ROSA**

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 8th day of May, 2013, by Kerry Anne Schultz, who (☒) is personally known to me or who () has produced _____, as identification and who did not take an oath.



PAMELA J. BURNS
NOTARY PUBLIC
STATE OF FLORIDA
Comm# DD0933154
Expires 10/14/2013



NOTARY PUBLIC
Commission Number: DD0933154
My Commission Expires: 10-14-13

FILED
13 MAY 13 AM 10:08
SANTA ROSA COUNTY
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA