

FLAHERTY & CRUMRINE TOTAL RETURN FUND INC  
Form N-PX  
August 13, 2013

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, DC 20549

**FORM N-PX**

**ANNUAL REPORT OF PROXY VOTING RECORD OF REGISTERED  
MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANY**

Investment Company Act file number 811-21380

Flaherty & Crumrine Total Return Fund Incorporated  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

301 E. Colorado Boulevard, Suite 720  
Pasadena, CA 91101  
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

Donald F. Crumrine  
Flaherty & Crumrine Incorporated  
301 E. Colorado Boulevard, Suite 720  
Pasadena, CA 91101  
(Name and address of agent for service)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 626-795-7300

Date of fiscal year end: November 30

Date of reporting period: July 1, 2012 June 30, 2013

Form N-PX is to be used by a registered management investment company, other than a small business investment company registered on Form N-5 (§§ 239.24 and 274.5 of this chapter), to file reports with the Commission, not later than August 31 of each year, containing the registrant's proxy voting record for the most recent twelve-month period ended June 30, pursuant to section 30 of the Investment Company Act of 1940 and rule 30b1-4 thereunder (17 CFR 270.30b1-4). The Commission may use the information provided on Form N-PX in its regulatory, disclosure review, inspection, and policymaking roles.

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## PROXY VOTING RECORD

FOR PERIOD JULY 1, 2012 TO JUNE 30, 2013

REGISTRANT NAME: Flaherty &amp; Crumrine Total Return Fund Incorporated

INVESTMENT COMPANY ACT FILE NUMBER: 811 - 21380

REPORTING PERIOD: 07/01/2012 - 06/30/2013

REGISTRANT ADDRESS: 301 E. Colorado Boulevard, Suite 720, Pasadena, California 91101

NAME OF SERIES (AS APPLICABLE): \_\_\_\_\_

Issuer of Portfolio Security	Exchange Ticker Symbol	CUSIP #	Shareholder Meeting Date	Summary of Matter Voted On	Who Proposed Matter: Issuer / Shareholder	Whether Fund Cast Vote on Matter	Fund's Vote For or Against Proposal, or Abstain; For or Withhold Regarding Election of Directors	
BANK OF AMERICA CORP	BAC	060505559	5/8/2013	Approve auditor	Issuer	Yes	For	For
BANK OF AMERICA CORP	BAC	060505559	5/8/2013	Approve directors	Issuer	Yes	For	For
BANK OF AMERICA CORP	BAC	060505559	5/8/2013	Approve executive compensation	Issuer	Yes	For	For
BANK OF AMERICA CORP	BAC	060505559	5/8/2013	Mortgage servicing	Security Holder	Yes	Against	For
BANK OF AMERICA CORP	BAC	060505559	5/8/2013	Multiple board service	Security Holder	Yes	Against	For
BANK OF AMERICA CORP	BAC	060505559	5/8/2013	Political contributions	Security Holder	Yes	Against	For
BANK OF AMERICA CORP	BAC	060505559	5/8/2013	Proxy access	Security Holder	Yes	Against	For
BANK OF AMERICA CORP	BAC	060505559	5/8/2013	Report on political contributions	Security Holder	Yes	Against	For
CIT Group Inc	CIT	125581801	5/14/2013	Approve auditor	Issuer	Yes	For	For
CIT Group Inc	CIT	125581801	5/14/2013	Approve directors	Issuer	Yes	For	For
CIT Group Inc	CIT	125581801	5/14/2013	Approve named executive officer compensation	Issuer	Yes	For	For
Exelon Corporation	EXC	30161N101	4/23/2013	Approve amended employee stock purchase plan	Issuer	Yes	For	For
Exelon Corporation	EXC	30161N101	4/23/2013	Approve auditor	Issuer	Yes	For	For
Exelon Corporation	EXC	30161N101	4/23/2013	Approve directors	Issuer	Yes	For	For
Exelon Corporation	EXC	30161N101	4/23/2013	Approve executive compensation	Issuer	Yes	For	For

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Investment Company Act of 1940, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Registrant     Flaherty & Crumrine Total Return Fund Incorporated

By (Signature and Title)\*     /s/ Donald F. Crumrine  
Donald F. Crumrine, Director, Chairman of the Board and Chief  
Executive Officer  
(principal executive officer)

Date             August 12, 2013

\*Print the name and title of each signing officer under his or her signature.

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