

**NORTHERN FUNDS SHORT BOND FUND  
PAYMENT OF MONTHLY DISTRIBUTION**

May 23, 2016 – **NORTHERN FUNDS SHORT BOND FUND**

(CUSIP: **665162368**) (the “Fund”) today announced that it paid on March 23, 2016, a monthly distribution of US 0.021485881 cents per share to all shareholders of record as of March 23, 2016.

Under U.S. tax rules applicable to the Fund, the amount and character of distributable income for each tax year can be finally determined only as of the end of the Fund’s tax year. However, under Section 19 of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the “1940 Act”) and related Rules, the Fund may be required to indicate to shareholders the source of certain distributions to shareholders.

The following table sets forth the amounts of the sources of the distribution for purposes of Section 19 of the 1940 Act and the Rules adopted thereunder. The table includes the amounts and percentages for this distribution and for the cumulative distributions paid year to date, from the following sources: net income; net realized gains and paid-in surplus or other capital source.

	Estimated Amounts of Current Monthly Distribution per share (\$)	Estimated Amounts of Current Monthly Distribution per Share (%)	Estimated Amounts of Tax Year to Date Cumulative Distributions per share (\$)	Estimated Amounts of Year to Date Cumulative Distributions per share (%)
Net Investment Income	0.013933	64.85	0.240025	97.29
Net Realized Gains	0	0	0	0
Paid-in Surplus or Other Capital Source	0.007553	35.15	0.006678	2.71
<b>Total (per share)</b>	0.021486	100.00	0.246703	100.00

**The amounts and sources of distributions reported in this Notice are only estimates and are not being provided for tax reporting purposes. The final determination of the source of all distributions in 2016 will be made after year-end. The Fund will send you a Form 1099-DIV for the calendar year that will tell you how to report these distributions for federal income tax purposes.**