

JOHN HANCOCK PREFERRED INCOME FUND
Form N-Q
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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM N-Q

**QUARTERLY SCHEDULE OF PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS OF REGISTERED
MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANIES**

Investment Company Act file number 811-21131

John Hancock Preferred Income Fund
(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

601 Congress Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02210
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

Salvatore Schiavone, Treasurer

601 Congress Street

Boston, Massachusetts 02210

(Name and address of agent for service)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 617-663-4497

Date of fiscal year end: July 31

Date of reporting period: October 31, 2016

ITEM 1. SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS

John Hancock

Preferred Income Fund

Quarterly portfolio holdings 10/31/16

Fund's investments Preferred Income Fund

As of 10-31-16 (unaudited)

| | Shares | Value |
|---|---------|---------------|
| Preferred securities 136.9% (90.7% of Total investments) (Cost \$748,996,746) | | \$783,301,888 |
| Consumer staples 2.3% | | 12,838,726 |
| Food and staples retailing 2.3% | | |
| Ocean Spray Cranberries, Inc., Series A, 6.250% (S) | 143,000 | 12,838,726 |
| Energy 6.1% | | 34,579,682 |
| Oil, gas and consumable fuels 6.1% | | |
| Kinder Morgan, Inc., 9.750% | 750,916 | 34,579,682 |
| Financials 54.6% | | 312,518,848 |
| Banks 34.4% | | |
| Bank of America Corp., 6.500% | 115,000 | 3,092,350 |
| Bank of America Corp., Depository Shares, Series D, 6.204% | 145,000 | 3,712,000 |
| Barclays Bank PLC, Series 3, 7.100% | 205,000 | 5,286,950 |
| Barclays Bank PLC, Series 5, 8.125% (Z) | 740,000 | 19,269,600 |

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| | | |
|-------------------------|---------|------------|
| BB&T Corp., | 420,000 | 10,865,400 |
| 5.200% (Z) | | |
| BB&T Corp., | 450,000 | 11,610,000 |
| 5.625% (Z) | | |
| Citigroup Capital XIII, | 15,000 | 390,150 |
| 7.257% (P) | | |
| Citigroup, Inc., | 65,000 | 1,645,150 |
| 5.800% | | |
| Citigroup, Inc., | 60,000 | 1,622,400 |
| 6.875% | | |
| Citigroup, Inc. | | |
| (6.875% | | |
| to | | |
| 11-15-23, | | |
| then | 410,175 | 11,767,921 |
| 3 | | |
| month | | |
| LIBOR | | |
| + | | |
| 4.130% (Z) | | |
| Citigroup, Inc. | | |
| (7.125% | | |
| to | | |
| 9-30-23, | | |
| then | 162,773 | 4,642,286 |
| 3 | | |
| month | | |
| LIBOR | | |
| + | | |
| 4.040%) | | |
| First Republic Bank, | 95,000 | 2,584,000 |
| 7.000% (Z) | | |
| ING Groep NV, | 61,500 | 1,567,635 |
| 6.125% (Z) | | |
| ING Groep NV, | 100,000 | 2,587,000 |
| 7.200% (Z) | | |
| | 400,000 | 10,304,000 |

JPMorgan
 Chase
 &
 Co.,
 5.450% (Z)
 JPMorgan
 Chase
 & 61,961 1,575,049
 Co.,
 5.500% (Z)
 JPMorgan
 Chase
 & 122,000 3,254,960
 Co.,
 6.100% (Z)
 JPMorgan
 Chase
 & 670,000 17,996,200
 Co.,
 6.125% (Z)
 JPMorgan
 Chase
 & 25,000 671,750
 Co.,
 6.300% (Z)
 Regions
 Financial
 Corp., 126,074 3,275,403
 6.375%
 Royal
 Bank
 of
 Scotland
 Group 560,000 14,084,000
 PLC,
 Series L,
 5.750% (Z)
 Santander
 Holdings
 USA, 365,000 9,362,250
 Inc.,
 Series C, 7.300%
 The
 PNC
 Financial
 Services 30,000 761,700
 Group,
 Inc.,
 5.375% (Z)
 The 187,000 5,273,400
 PNC

Financial
Services
Group,
Inc.

(6.125%
to
5-1-22,
then
3
month
LIBOR
+

4.067%) (Z)
U.S.
Bancorp
(6.000%

to
4-15-17,
then 190,000 4,865,900

3
month
LIBOR

+

4.861%) (Z)
U.S.
Bancorp
(6.500%

to
1-15-22,
then 705,000 20,691,750

3
month
LIBOR

+

4.468%) (Z)
Wells
 Fargo

& 127,000 3,327,400

Company,
6.000% (Z)

Wells
 Fargo

& 756,000 20,517,840

Company,
8.000% (Z)

Capital markets 7.3%

Deutsche 10,000 230,600

Bank

Contingent

Capital

Trust

II,
 6.550%
 Deutsche
 Bank
 Contingent
 Capital 370,000 8,987,300
 Trust
 III,
 7.600%
 Morgan
 Stanley, 80,000 2,188,000
 6.625%
 Morgan
 Stanley
 (6.375%
 to
 10-15-24,
 then 85,000 2,346,000
 3
 month
 LIBOR
 +
 3.708%)
 State
 Street
 Corp., 155,000 3,937,000
 5.250% (Z)
 State
 Street
 Corp., 580,600 15,443,960
 6.000% (Z)
 The
 Goldman
 Sachs
 Group, 185,100 4,779,282
 Inc.,
 5.950%
 The
 Goldman
 Sachs
 Group, 160,000 4,131,200
 Inc.,
 Series B,
 6.200% (Z)
 Consumer finance 3.7%
 Capital
 One
 Financial 274,250 7,319,733
 Corp.,
 6.200%
 52,929 1,486,776

Capital
One
Financial
Corp.,
6.700%
Navient
Corp., 217,138 4,965,946
6.000%

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Preferred Income Fund

| | Shares | Value |
|------------------------------|---------|-------------|
| Financials (continued) | | |
| Consumer finance (continued) | | |
| SLM | | |
| Corp., | 147,391 | \$7,407,872 |
| Series A, 6.970% | | |
| Insurance 9.1% | | |
| Aegon | | |
| NV, | 520,000 | 13,239,200 |
| 6.375% (Z) | | |
| Aegon | | |
| NV, | 260,000 | 6,741,800 |
| 6.500% (Z) | | |
| Prudential | | |
| Financial, | 140,000 | 3,694,600 |
| Inc., | | |
| 5.750% (Z) | | |
| Prudential | | |
| PLC, | 154,500 | 4,030,905 |
| 6.500% (Z) | | |
| Prudential | | |
| PLC, | 51,000 | 1,350,480 |
| 6.750% | | |
| RenaissanceRe | | |
| Holdings | 25,000 | 636,000 |
| Ltd., | | |
| Series C, 6.080% | | |
| W.R. | | |
| Berkley | 885,000 | 22,682,550 |
| Corp., | | |
| 5.625% (Z) | | |
| Thriffs and mortgage | | |
| finance 0.1% | | |
| Federal | | |
| National | | |
| Mortgage | 80,000 | 315,200 |
| Association, | | |
| Series S, | | |
| 8.250% (I) | | |
| Health care 5.8% | | 33,389,900 |
| Pharmaceuticals 5.8% | | |
| Teva | | |
| Pharmaceutical | | |
| Industries, | 44,050 | 33,389,900 |
| Ltd., | | |
| 7.000% | | |
| Industrials 2.2% | | 12,810,600 |

| | | |
|-------------------------------|---------|------------|
| Machinery 2.2% | | |
| Stanley | | |
| Black | | |
| & | | |
| Decker, | 495,000 | 12,810,600 |
| Inc., | | |
| 5.750% (Z) | | |
| Real estate 11.4% | | 65,147,661 |
| Equity real estate investment | | |
| trusts 11.4% | | |
| Digital | | |
| Realty | | |
| Trust, | 27,460 | 761,466 |
| Inc., | | |
| 7.375% | | |
| Kimco | | |
| Realty | | |
| Corp., | 895,000 | 22,697,200 |
| 6.000% (Z) | | |
| Public | | |
| Storage, | 125,000 | 3,177,500 |
| 5.200% (Z) | | |
| Public | | |
| Storage, | 449,500 | 11,421,795 |
| 5.750% (Z) | | |
| Senior | | |
| Housing | | |
| Properties | 827,000 | 20,592,300 |
| Trust, | | |
| 5.625% (Z) | | |
| Ventas | | |
| Realty | | |
| LP, | 245,000 | 6,497,400 |
| 5.450% (Z) | | |
| Telecommunication | | |
| services 8.2% | | 46,870,302 |
| Diversified telecommunication | | |
| services 1.5% | | |
| Qwest | | |
| Corp., | 30,000 | 757,500 |
| 6.125% (Z) | | |
| Qwest | | |
| Corp., | 20,000 | 508,000 |
| 7.000% (Z) | | |
| Qwest | | |
| Corp., | 116,654 | 2,965,345 |
| 7.500% | | |
| Verizon | | |
| Communications | | |
| Inc., | 168,000 | 4,524,240 |
| 5.900% (Z) | | |

Wireless telecommunication
 services 6.7%

Telephone
 &
 Data Systems, Inc.,
 233,000 6,037,030
 6.625% (Z)

Telephone
 &
 Data Systems, Inc.,
 103,000 2,645,040
 6.875%

Telephone
 &
 Data Systems, Inc.,
 340,000 8,659,797
 7.000% (Z)

United States Cellular Corp.,
 795,000 20,773,350
 6.950% (Z)

Utilities 46.3%
 Electric utilities 30.9%

Duke Energy Corp.,
 920,000 24,012,000
 5.125% (Z)

Entergy Louisiana LLC,
 240,000 6,194,400
 5.250% (Z)

FPL Group Capital Trust I,
 345,000 8,956,200
 5.875% (Z)

Great Plains Energy, Inc.,
 600,000 31,794,000
 7.000% (I)

HECO Capital Trust III,
 379,850 10,016,645
 6.500%

| | | |
|--|-----------|------------|
| Interstate Power & Light Company, 5.100% (Z) | 270,000 | 7,252,200 |
| NextEra Energy Capital Holdings, Inc., 5.700% (Z) | 905,000 | 23,149,900 |
| NSTAR Electric Company, 4.780% (Z) | 15,143 | 1,506,880 |
| PPL Capital Funding, Inc., 5.900% (Z) | 1,312,439 | 34,202,160 |

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Preferred Income Fund

| | Shares | Value |
|--|---------|--------------|
| Utilities (continued) | | |
| Electric utilities (continued) | | |
| SCE Trust I, 5.625% (Z) | 240,000 | \$6,139,200 |
| SCE Trust II, 5.100% (Z) | 549,000 | 14,065,380 |
| SCE Trust III (5.750% to 3-15-24, then 3 month LIBOR + 2.990%) (Z) | 20,000 | 574,000 |
| The Southern Company, 6.250% (Z) | 350,000 | 9,348,500 |
| Independent power and renewable electricity producers 0.3% | | |
| AES Trust III, 6.750% | 31,734 | 1,604,154 |
| Multi-utilities 15.1% | | |
| BGE Capital Trust II, 6.200% (Z) | 710,000 | 18,282,500 |
| Dominion Resources, Inc., 6.750% (Z) | 700,667 | 35,348,650 |
| DTE Energy Company, 5.250% (Z) | 520,000 | 13,312,000 |
| DTE Energy Company, 6.500% | 40,000 | 2,130,000 |
| DTE Energy Company, 6.500% (Z) | 400,000 | 10,188,000 |
| Integrus Holding, Inc. (6.000% to 8-1-23, then 3 month LIBOR + 3.220%) (Z) | 260,000 | 7,069,400 |
| Common stocks 10.4% (6.9% of Total investments) (Cost \$53,981,450) | | \$59,752,945 |
| Energy 9.9% | | 56,788,945 |
| Oil, gas and consumable fuels 9.9% | | |

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| | | | | |
|--|----------------------|---------------|------------|--------------|
| BP PLC, ADR (Z) | | 591,000 | 21,010,050 | |
| Royal Dutch Shell PLC, ADR, Class A (Z) | | 448,024 | 22,316,075 | |
| Spectra Energy Corp. Utilities 0.5% Multi-utilities 0.5% CenterPoint Energy, Inc. (Z) | | 322,000 | 13,462,820 | 2,964,000 |
| | | 130,000 | 2,964,000 | |
| | Rate (%) | Maturity date | Par value^ | Value |
| Corporate bonds investments) (Cost \$12,939,010) | 2.0% (1.3% of Total) | | | \$11,294,000 |
| Energy 1.1% Oil, gas and consumable fuels 1.1% Energy Transfer Partners LP (P)(Z) | 3.774 | 11-01-66 | 8,800,000 | 6,094,000 |
| Utilities 0.9% Multi-utilities 0.9% Dominion Resources, Inc. (5.750% to 10-1-24, then 5.750 3 month LIBOR + 3.057%) (Z) | 5.750 | 10-01-54 | 5,000,000 | 5,200,000 |
| | Yield * (%) | Maturity date | Par value^ | Value |
| Short-term investments investments) (Cost \$9,529,000) | 1.7% (1.1% of Total) | | | \$9,529,000 |
| U.S. Government Agency Federal Agricultural Mortgage Corp. Discount Note | 0.200 | 11-01-16 | 7,679,000 | 7,679,000 |
| Repurchase agreement Repurchase Agreement | 0.3% | | 1,850,000 | 1,850,000 |

with State
 Street Corp.
 dated
 10-31-16 at
 0.030% to be
 repurchased
 at \$1,850,002
 on 11-1-16,
 collateralized
 by
 \$1,885,000
 Federal
 Home Loan
 Mortgage
 Corp.,
 1.000% due
 8-15-18
 (valued at \$
 1,887,356,
 including
 interest)

| | |
|--|------------------------|
| Total investments (Cost \$825,446,206) | |
| 151.0% | \$863,877,833 |
| Other assets and liabilities, net (51.0%) | (\$291,646,127) |
| Total net assets 100.0% | \$572,231,706 |

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The percentage shown for each investment category is the total value of the category as a percentage of the net assets of the fund unless otherwise indicated.

^All par values are denominated in U.S. dollars unless otherwise indicated.

Key to Security

Abbreviations and

Legend

| | |
|-------|--|
| ADR | American Depositary Receipts |
| LIBOR | London Interbank Offered Rate |
| (I) | Non-income producing security. Variable rate obligation. |
| (P) | The coupon rate shown represents the rate at period end. These securities are exempt from registration under Rule 144A of the Securities Act of 1933. Such |
| (S) | securities may be resold, normally to qualified institutional buyers, in transactions exempt from registration. |

(Z) A portion of this security is segregated as collateral pursuant to the Credit Facility Agreement. Total collateral value at 10-31-16 was \$607,695,483. Yield represents either the annualized yield at the date of purchase, the stated coupon rate or, for floating rate securities, the rate at period end.

* At 10-31-16, the aggregate cost of investment securities for federal income tax purposes was \$825,446,810. Net unrealized appreciation aggregated to \$38,431,023, of which \$48,840,348 related to appreciated investment securities and \$10,409,325 related to depreciated investment securities.

The fund had the following country composition as a percentage of total investments on 10-31-16:

| | |
|-----------------|---------------|
| United States | 83.2% |
| United Kingdom | 7.5% |
| Netherlands | 5.4% |
| Israel | 3.8% |
| Other countries | 0.1% |
| Total | 100.0% |

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Notes to Fund's investments (unaudited)

Security valuation. Investments are stated at value as of the scheduled close of regular trading on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE), normally at 4:00 p.m., Eastern Time. In case of emergency or other disruption resulting in the NYSE not opening for trading or the NYSE closing at a time other than the regularly scheduled close, the net asset value may be determined as of the regularly scheduled close of the NYSE pursuant to the fund's Valuation Policies and Procedures. The time at which shares and transactions are priced and until which orders are accepted may vary to the extent permitted by the Securities and Exchange Commission and applicable regulations.

In order to value the securities, the fund uses the following valuation techniques: Equity securities held by the fund are typically valued at the last sale price or official closing price on the exchange or principal market where the security trades. In the event there were no sales during the day or closing prices are not available, the securities are valued using the last available bid price. Debt obligations are valued based on the evaluated prices provided by an independent pricing vendor or from broker-dealers. Independent pricing vendors utilize matrix pricing which takes into account factors such as institutional-size trading in similar groups of securities, yield, quality, coupon rate, maturity, type of issue, trading characteristics and other market data, as well as broker supplied prices. Swaps are valued using evaluated prices obtained from an independent pricing vendor. Futures contracts are valued at settlement prices, which are the official closing prices published by the exchange on which they trade.

In certain instances, the Pricing Committee may determine to value equity securities using prices obtained from another exchange or market if trading on the exchange or market on which prices are typically obtained did not open for trading as scheduled, or if trading closed earlier than scheduled, and trading occurred as normal on another exchange or market.

Other portfolio securities and assets, for which reliable market quotations are not readily available, are valued at fair value as determined in good faith by the fund's Pricing Committee following procedures established by the Board of Trustees. The frequency with which these fair valuation procedures are used cannot be predicted and fair value of securities may differ significantly from the value that would have been used had a ready market for such securities existed.

The fund uses a three-tier hierarchy to prioritize the pricing assumptions, referred to as inputs, used in valuation techniques to measure fair value. Level 1 includes securities valued using quoted prices in active markets for identical securities. Level 2 includes securities valued using other significant observable inputs. Observable inputs may include quoted prices for similar securities, interest rates, prepayment speeds and credit risk. Prices for securities valued using these inputs are received from independent pricing vendors and brokers and are based on an evaluation of the inputs described. Level 3 includes securities valued using significant unobservable inputs when market prices are not readily available or reliable, including the fund's own assumptions in determining the fair value of investments. Factors used in determining value may include market or issuer specific events or trends, changes in interest rates and credit quality. The inputs or methodology used for valuing securities are not necessarily an indication of the risks associated with investing in those securities. Changes in valuation techniques and related inputs may result in transfers into or out of an assigned level within the disclosure hierarchy.

The following is a summary of the values by input classification of the fund's investments as of October 31, 2016, by major security category or type:

| | Total value at 10-31-16 | Level 1 quoted price | Level 2 significant observable inputs | Level 3 significant unobservable inputs |
|-----------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|--|--|
| Preferred securities | | | | |

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| | | | |
|--|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| Consumer staples | \$12,838,726 | | \$12,838,726 |
| Energy | 34,579,682 | \$34,579,682 | |
| Financials | 312,518,848 | 312,518,848 | |
| Health care | 33,389,900 | 33,389,900 | |
| Industrials | 12,810,600 | 12,810,600 | |
| Real estate | 65,147,661 | 65,147,661 | |
| Telecommunication services | 46,870,302 | 42,346,062 | 4,524,240 |
| Utilities | 265,146,169 | 258,076,769 | 7,069,400 |
| Common stocks | 59,752,945 | 59,752,945 | |
| Corporate bonds | 11,294,000 | | 11,294,000 |
| Short-term investments | 9,529,000 | | 9,529,000 |
| Total investments in securities | \$863,877,833 | \$818,622,467 | \$45,255,366 |
| Other financial instruments: | | | |
| Futures | \$938,650 | \$938,650 | |
| Interest rate swaps | (108,760) | | (\$108,760) |

Repurchase agreements. The fund may enter into repurchase agreements. When the fund enters into a repurchase agreement, it receives collateral that is held in a segregated account by the fund's custodian. The collateral amount is marked-to-market and monitored on a daily basis to ensure that the collateral held is in an amount not less than the principal amount of the repurchase agreement plus any accrued interest. Collateral received by the fund for repurchase agreements is disclosed in the Fund's investments as part of the caption related to the repurchase agreement.

Repurchase agreements are typically governed by the terms and conditions of the Master Repurchase Agreement and/or Global Master Repurchase Agreement (collectively, MRA). Upon an event of default, the non-defaulting party may close out all transactions traded under the MRA and net amounts owed. Absent an event of

default, assets and liabilities resulting from repurchase agreements are not offset. In the event of a default by the counterparty, realization of the collateral proceeds could be delayed, during which time the collateral value may decline or the counterparty may have insufficient assets to pay back claims resulting from close-out of the transactions.

Derivative instruments. The fund may invest in derivatives in order to meet its investment objectives. Derivatives include a variety of different instruments that may be traded in the over-the-counter (OTC) market, on a regulated exchange or through a clearing facility. The risks in using derivatives vary depending upon the structure of the instruments, including the use of leverage, optionality, the liquidity or lack of liquidity of the contract, the creditworthiness of the counterparty or clearing organization and the volatility of the position. Some derivatives involve risks that are potentially greater than the risks associated with investing directly in the referenced securities or other referenced underlying instrument. Specifically, the fund is exposed to the risk that the counterparty to an OTC derivatives contract will be unable or unwilling to make timely settlement payments or otherwise honor its obligations. OTC derivatives transactions typically can only be closed out with the other party to the transaction.

Futures. A futures contract is a contractual agreement to buy or sell a particular currency or financial instrument at a pre-determined price in the future. Risks related to the use of futures contracts include possible illiquidity of the futures markets and contract prices that can be highly volatile and imperfectly correlated to movements in the underlying financial instrument. Use of long futures contracts subjects the funds to the risk of loss up to the notional value of the futures contracts. Use of short futures contracts subjects the funds to unlimited risk of loss.

During the period ended October 31, 2016, the fund used futures contracts to manage against anticipated interest rate changes against preferred securities. The following table summarizes the contracts held at October 31, 2016:

| Open contracts | Number of Contracts | Position | Expiration Date | Notional Basis | Notional Value | Unrealized Appreciation (Depreciation) |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|----------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|--|
| 10-Year U.S. Treasury Note Futures | 640 | Short | Dec 2016 | (\$83,898,650) | (\$82,960,000) | \$938,650 |

Notional basis refers to the contractual amount agreed upon at inception of open contracts; notional value represents the current value of the open contract.

Interest rate swaps. Interest rate swaps represent an agreement between the fund and a counterparty to exchange cash flows based on the difference between two interest rates applied to a notional amount. The payment flows are usually netted against each other, with the difference being paid by one party to the other. The fund settles accrued net interest receivable or payable under the swap contracts at specified, future intervals. Swap agreements are privately negotiated in the OTC market or may be executed on a registered commodities exchange (centrally cleared swaps). Swaps are marked-to-market daily and the change in value is recorded as unrealized appreciation/depreciation of swap contracts. A termination payment by the counterparty or the fund is recorded as realized gain or loss, as well as the net periodic payments received or paid by the fund. The value of the swap will typically impose collateral posting obligations on the party that is considered out-of-the-money on the swap.

During the period ended October 31, 2016, the fund used interest rate swaps to manage against anticipated interest rate changes. The following table summarizes the interest rate swap contracts held as of October 31, 2016:

| Counterparty | USD notional amount | Payments made by fund | Payments received by fund | Termination Date | Market value |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|------------------|--------------|
| Morgan Stanley Capital Services | \$68,000,000 | Fixed 0.8750% | 3 Month LIBOR ^(a) | Jul 2017 | (\$108,760) |

^(a)At 10-31-16, the 3-month LIBOR rate was 0.88428%

For additional information on the fund's significant accounting policies, please refer to the fund's most recent semiannual or annual shareholder report.

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More information

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This report is for the information of the shareholders of John Hancock Preferred Income Fund.

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ITEM 2. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES.

(a) Based upon their evaluation of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures as conducted within 90 days of the filing date of this Form N-Q, the registrant's principal executive officer and principal accounting officer have concluded that those disclosure controls and procedures provide reasonable assurance that the material information required to be disclosed by the registrant on this report is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the Securities and Exchange Commission's rules and forms.

(b) There were no changes in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's last fiscal quarter that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

ITEM 3. EXHIBITS.

Separate certifications for the registrant's principal executive officer and principal accounting officer, as required by Rule 30a-2(a) under the Investment Company Act of 1940, are attached.

SIGNATURES

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Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and 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.

John Hancock Preferred Income Fund

By: /s/ Andrew Arnott
Andrew Arnott
President

Date: December 19, 2016

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

By: /s/ Andrew Arnott
Andrew Arnott
President

Date: December 19, 2016

By: /s/ Charles A. Rizzo
Charles A. Rizzo
Chief Financial Officer

Date: December 19, 2016
