JOHN HANCOCK PREFERRED INCOME FUND Form N-Q June 28, 2016

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

<u>John Hancock Preferred Income Fund</u> (Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

<u>601 Congress Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02210</u> (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: April 30, 2016

ITEM 1. SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS

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Preferred Income Fund

Quarterly portfolio holdings 4/30/16

Fund's investmentsPreferred Income Fund

As of 4-30-16 (unaudited)

Shares Value

Preferred

securities 144.1%

\$829,454,525

(95.8% of Total

investments)

(Cost \$781,346,521)

Consumer

staples 2.1%

12,382,913

Food and staples retailing 2.1%

Ocean

Spray

Cranberries 143,000 12,382,913

Inc.,

Series A,

6.250% (S)

Energy 4.7% 27,290,880

Oil, gas and consumable

fuels 4.7%

Kinder

Morgan,

618,000 27,290,880

Inc.,

9.750%

Financials 83.6% 481,195,974

Banks 41.9%

Bank

of

America 115,000 3,036,000

Corp.,

6.500%

Bank

of

America

Corp., 145,000 3,732,300

Depositary

Shares,

Series D, 6.204%

Barclays

Bank

205,000 5,313,600

PLC,

Series 3, 7.100%

Barclays

Bank

PLC, 740,000 19,521,200

Series 5,

8.125% (Z)

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BB&T
        420,000 10,605,000
Corp.,
5.200% (Z)
BB&T
        450,000 11,574,000
Corp.,
5.625% (Z)
Citigroup
Capital
         15,000
                 392,250
XIII,
7.008% (P)
Citigroup,
Inc.,
        65,000
                  1,688,700
5.800%
Citigroup,
Inc.,
        60,000
                 1,615,200
6.875%
Citigroup,
Inc.
(6.875%
to
11-15-23,
        410,175 11,316,728
then
3
month
LIBOR
+
4.130%)
Citigroup,
Inc.
(7.125%
to
9-30-23,
then
         162,773 4,551,133
3
month
LIBOR
+
4.040%)
First
Republic 95,000
                 2,620,100
Bank,
7.000%
HSBC
USA,
         140,234 3,650,291
Inc.,
6.500%
ING
Groep
         61,500
                  1,575,015
NV,
6.125% (Z)
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750,000 19,740,000

ING Groep NV, 7.050% (Z) **ING** Groep 100,000 2,622,000 NV, 7.200% (Z) **JPMorgan** Chase & 400,000 10,192,000 Co., 5.450% (Z) JPMorgan Chase & 61,961 1,566,994 Co., 5.500% **JPMorgan** Chase & 122,000 3,187,860 Co., 6.100% JPMorgan Chase & 670,000 17,493,700 Co., 6.125% **JPMorgan** Chase & 25,000 658,750 Co., 6.300% (Z) **RBS** Capital Funding 620,000 15,128,000 Trust V, 5.900% **RBS** Capital Funding 220,000 5,401,000 Trust VII, 6.080% Regions Financial 126,074 3,303,139 Corp., 6.375% 560,000 13,552,000 Royal Bank

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of
Scotland
Group
PLC,
Series L, 5.750%
Santander
Holdings
USA,
         365,000 9,398,750
Inc.,
Series C, 7.300%
The
PNC
Financial
Services 30,000
                  773,700
Group,
Inc.,
5.375%
The
PNC
Financial
Services
Group,
Inc.
(6.125%
         187,000 5,406,170
to
5-1-22,
then
3
month
LIBOR
4.067%) (Z)
U.S.
Bancorp
(6.000%
to
4-15-17,
         240,000 6,338,400
then
3
month
LIBOR
4.861%) (Z)
U.S.
         705,000 20,839,800
Bancorp
(6.500%
to
1-15-22,
then
3
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month

4.468%) (Z) Wells Fargo & 127,000 3,382,010 Company, 6.000% Wells Fargo & 756,000 21,296,520 Company, 8.000% (Z) Capital markets 13.5% Deutsche Bank Contingent Capital 252,500 6,287,250 Trust II, 6.550% (Z) Deutsche Bank Contingent Capital 510,000 13,219,200 Trust III, 7.600% Morgan Stanley, 80,000 2,163,200 6.625%Morgan Stanley (6.375% to 10-15-24, then 85,000 2,254,200 3 month **LIBOR** 3.708%) Morgan Stanley Capital 291,000 7,493,250 Trust III, 6.250% (Z) Morgan 323,000 8,297,870 Stanley Capital

LIBOR

Trust
IV,
6.250% (Z)
2SEE NOTES TO FUND'S INVESTMENTS

Preferred Income Fund

Financials (continued)

Shares

Value

Capital markets (continued) Morgan Stanley Capital 365,000 \$9,329,400 Trust V, 5.750% State Street 155,000 4,064,100 Corp., 5.250% State Street 580,600 15,687,812 Corp., 6.000% (Z) The Goldman Sachs 185,100 4,749,666 Group, Inc., 5.950% The Goldman Sachs Group, 160,000 4,076,800 Inc., Series B, 6.200% (Z) Consumer finance 6.5% Capital One Financial 274,250 7,242,943 Corp., 6.200% (I) Capital One Financial 52,929 1,452,372 Corp., 6.700% **HSBC** 702,121 18,213,019 Finance Corp., Depositary Shares, Series B,

6.360% (Z) Navient Corp., 173,500 3,341,610 6.000% SLM Corp., 147,391 6,964,225 Series A, 6.970% Insurance 9.1% Aegon NV. 520,000 13,374,400 6.375% (Z) Aegon 260,000 6,799,000 NV, 6.500% (Z) Prudential Financial, 140,000 3,694,600 Inc., 5.750% Prudential PLC, 154,500 4,043,265 6.500% (Z) Prudential 51,000 1,346,400 PLC, 6.750% RenaissanceRe Holdings 25,000 639,499 Ltd., Series C, 6.080% W.R. Berkley 885,000 22,514,400 Corp., 5.625% (Z) Real estate investment trusts 12.5% Digital Realty Trust, 27,460 763,388 Inc., 7.375% Kimco Realty 895,000 23,377,400 Corp., 6.000% (Z) Public Storage, 125,000 3,250,000 5.200% **Public** Storage, 449,500 11,826,345 5.750% (Z)

Public

Storage,

225,000 5,773,500

Housing Properties 827,000 20,881,750 Trust, 5.625% (Z) Ventas Realty 245,000 6,291,600 LP, 5.450% (Z) Thrifts and mortgage finance 0.1% Federal National Mortgage 80,000 Association, 311,200 Series S. 8.250% (I) Industrials 2.3% 13,023,450 Machinery 2.3% Stanley Black & 495,000 13,023,450 Decker, Inc., 5.750% Telecommunication 68,511,255 services 11.9% Diversified telecommunication services 5.4% Qwest Corp., 30,000 734,700 6.125% (Z) **Qwest** Corp., 20,000 510,000 7.000% (Z) Owest 750,000 19,170,000 Corp., 7.375% (Z) Qwest Corp., 232,500 5,977,575 7.500% (Z) Verizon Communications 4,609,500 Inc., 5.900% Wireless telecommunication services 6.5% Telephone233,000 5,997,420 & Data

6.350% Senior

Systems,

Inc.,

6.625% (Z)

Telephone

&

Data

103,000 2,628,560

Systems,

Inc.,

6.875%

Telephone

&

Data

340,000 8,642,800

Systems,

Inc.,

7.000% (Z)

United

States

Cellular 795,000 20,240,700

Corp.,

6.950% (Z)

SEE NOTES TO FUND'S INVESTMENTS3

Preferred Income Fund

Utilities 39.5% Electric utilities 30.2%	Shares	Value \$227,050,053
Duke Energy Corp., 5.125% (Z)	920,000	24,196,000
Entergy Arkansas, Inc., 5.750%	47,500	1,201,275
Entergy Louisiana LLC, 5.250% (Z)	240,000	6,067,200
Entergy Louisiana LLC, 5.875%	252,625	6,404,044
Entergy Louisiana LLC, 6.000%	158,464	4,045,586
Entergy Mississippi, Inc., 6.000% (Z)	371,000	9,445,660
Entergy Mississippi, Inc., 6.200%	89,294	2,315,393
FPL Group Capital Trust I, 5.875% (Z)	345,000	9,004,500
Gulf Power Company, 5.750%	145,000	3,665,600
HECO Capital Trust III, 6.500%	379,850	10,047,033
Interstate Power & Light Company, 5.100% (Z)	270,000	7,311,600
NextEra Energy Capital Holdings,	905,000	23,448,550
Inc., 5.700% (Z) NSTAR Electric	15,143	1,510,514

Company, 4.780% (Z)		
PPL Capital		
Funding,		
Inc.,	1,312,439	35,002,748
5.900% (Z)		
SCE Trust I,		
5.625%	240,000	6,141,600
SCE Trust II,		
5.100% (Z)	549,000	13,862,250
SCE Trust III		
(5.750% to		
3-15-24, then		
3 month	20,000	544,000
LIBOR +		
2.990%) (Z)		
The Southern		
Company,	350,000	9,474,500
6.250% (Z)	,	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,
Multi-utilities 9.3%		
Baltimore		
Gas &		
Electric	40,000	4,124,800
Company,	•	
Series 1995, 6.990%		
BGE Capital		
Trust II,	710,000	18,460,000
6.200% (Z)		
DTE Energy		
Company,	520,000	13,473,200
5.250%		
DTE Energy		
Company,	400,000	10,440,000
6.500% (Z)		
Integrys		
Holding, Inc.		
(6.000% to		
8-1-23, then	260,000	6,864,000
3 month		
LIBOR +		
3.220%) (Z)		
Common stocks 3.7% (2.4%)	of Total	\$21,055,390
investments)		Ψ21,033,370
(Cost \$19,293,640)		
Energy 3.2%		18,266,890
Oil, gas and consumable fuels	s 3.2%	
Royal Dutch		
Shell PLC,	155,000	8,197,950
ADR, Class	,000	-,,,,,,,
A	222 000	10.000.010
	322,000	10,068,940

Spectra Energy Corp. (Z) Utilities 0.5% 2,788,500 Multi-utilities 0.5% CenterPoint Energy, 130,000 2,788,500 Inc. (Z) Rate (%) Maturity datPar value^ Value Corporate bonds 1.7% (1.2% of Total \$10,004,500 investments) (Cost \$12,936,023) Energy 0.9% 5,192,000 Oil, gas and consumable fuels 0.9% Energy Transfer 3.633 Partners 11-01-66 8,800,000 5,192,000 LP(P)(Z)Utilities 0.8% 4,812,500 Multi-utilities 0.8% Dominion Resources, Inc. (5.750% to 10-1-24 5.750 10-01-54 5,000,000 4,812,500 then 3 month **LIBOR** 3.057%)

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Preferred Income Fund

Yield* (%) Maturity datPar value^ Value Short-term investments 0.9% (0.6% of \$4,841,974 Total investments) (Cost \$4,841,974) U.S. Government Agency 0.8% 4,716,974 Federal Home $\underset{\mathsf{Bank}}{\mathsf{Loan}} 0.200$ 05-02-16 4,717,000 4,716,974 Discount Note Repurchase agreement 0.1% 125,000 Repurchase Agreement with State Street Corp. dated 4-29-16 at 0.030% to be repurchased at \$125,000 on 5-2-16, 125,000 125,000 collateralized by \$130,000 U.S. Treasury Notes, 1.125% due 2-28-21 (valued at \$128,863, including interest) **Total investments (Cost \$818,418,158)** \$865,356,389 150.4%

The percentage shown for each investment

Total net assets 100.0%

Other assets and liabilities, net (50.4%)

(\$289,902,970)

\$575,453,419

category is the total

value of the category

as a percentage of the net assets of the fund. ^All par values are denominated in U.S. dollars unless otherwise indicated.

Key to Security Abbreviations and

Legend

American

ADR Depositary

Receipts

London

LIBOR Interbank

Offered Rate

Non-income

(I) producing

security.

Variable rate obligation.

The coupon

(P) 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

4-30-16 was

\$474,083,855.

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 4-30-16,

the aggregate

cost of

investment

securities for

federal income

tax purposes

was

\$818,418,762.

Net unrealized

appreciation

aggregated to

\$46,937,627,

of which

\$54,301,843

related to

appreciated

investment

securities and

\$7,364,216

related to

depreciated

investment

securities.

The fund had the following country composition as a percentage of net assets on 4-30-16:

United States 88.8%
Netherlands 6.0%
United Kingdom 5.1%
Other countries 0.1%
TOTAL 100.0%

SEE NOTES TO FUND'S INVESTMENTS5

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 was acquired or most likely will be sold. 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 April 30, 2016 by major security category or type:

	Total value at 4-30-16	Level 1 quoted price	Level 2 significant observable inputs	Level 3 significant unobservable inputs
Preferred securities				
Consumer staples	\$12,382,913		\$12,382,913	

Energy	27,290,880	\$27,290,880	
Financials	481,195,974	481,195,974	
Industrials	13,023,450	13,023,450	
Telecommunication services	68,511,255	63,901,755	4,609,500
Utilities	227,050,053	216,061,253	10,988,800
Common stocks	21,055,390	21,055,390	
Corporate bonds	10,004,500		10,004,500
Short-term investments	4,841,974		4,841,974
Total investments in securities	\$865,356,389	\$822,528,702	\$42,827,687
Other financial instruments:			
Futures	\$438,353	\$438,353	
Interest rate swaps	(495,597)	1	(\$495,597)

Securities with a market value of approximately \$7,183,800 at the beginning of the year were transferred from Level 1 to Level 2 during the period since quoted prices in active markets for identical securities were no longer available and securities were valued using other significant inputs.

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

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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 April 30, 2016, the fund used futures contracts to manage against anticipated interest rate changes. The following table summarizes the contracts held at April 30, 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	Jun 2016	(\$83,678,353)	(\$83,240,000)	\$438,353
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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.

During the period ended April 30, 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 April 30, 2016.

Counterparty	Notional	Payments made	Payments received	Termination	Market
Counter party	amount	by fund	by fund	date	value
Morgan Stanley Capital Services	\$68,000,000	Fixed 1.4625%	3 Month LIBOR (a)	Aug 2016	(\$283,649)
Morgan Stanley Capital Services	68,000,000	Fixed 0.8750%	3 Month LIBOR (a)	Jul 2017	(211,948)
	\$136,000,000				(\$495,597)

⁽a) At 4-30-16, the 3-month LIBOR rate was 0.63660%

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.

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: June 17, 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 date indicated.
By:
/s/ Andrew Arnott

Andrew Arnott
President
Date: June 17, 2016
By:
/s/ Charles A. Rizzo
Charles A. Rizzo
Chief Financial Officer
Date: June 17, 2016