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Tons of Marine Debris Removed from Washington Coastline

The Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary and Olympic National Park successfully completed a two year project to remove marine debris from remote wilderness beaches, protecting marine wildlife and improving wilderness aesthetics along this nationally significant and rugged coastline. With funding from the NOAA Marine Debris Program, the project removed over seven tons of debris using Student Conservation Corps crews, often which had to hike over seven miles from beach to trailheads over difficult terrain, as well as using helicopters for larger accumulations of debris with even more difficult access. Agency personnel, the volunteer coordinators and the volunteers themselves gained new insights into the complex logistics of removal operations that will improve future coastal cleanups.

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Marine debris presentations on the Big Island of Hawaii

On January 5th and 6th, Pacific Islands Outreach Coordinator, Carey Morishige, gave two presentations highlighting marine debris in Hawaii, as well as the NOAA Marine Debris Program. The evening presentations were held in Hilo and Kona on the Island of Hawaii. While the presentations themselves attracted fairly small audiences, the media coverage of these presentations (particularly the one in Kona) garnered good publicity and coverage of marine debris. Since then, the program has fielded numerous calls and emails for more information on both marine debris and ways they can get involved.

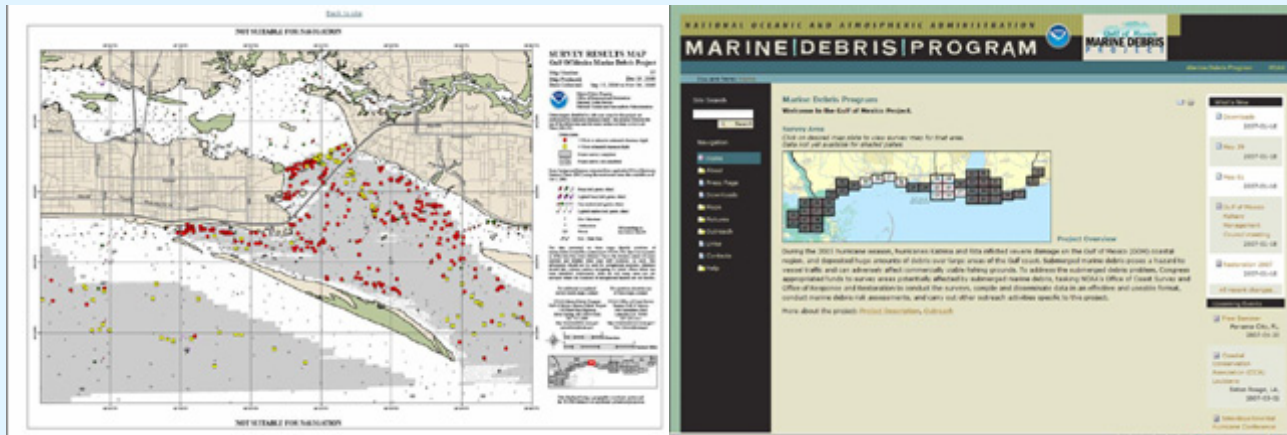
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The Gulf of Mexico Marine Debris Project launches new website

<http://gulfofmexico.marinedebris.noaa.gov>

The Gulf of Mexico Marine Debris Project recently launched a website to provide users with critical information and maps of debris laden survey areas, indicating the geographic position of each debris contact. Based upon feedback received from stakeholders, the site has already undergone significant functionality improvements. For the future, the Project team is developing an Internet Mapping System (IMS) interface to deliver debris data and location to users via dynamic, scaleable, and easy to use web-based maps. Both printable maps and the IMS interface highlight areas of debris abundance as potential threats to commercial fishing and shrimping operations. This information will also be useful to ongoing debris removal efforts being coordinated by State natural resource managers, the United States Coast Guard, and the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

For more information on this project, please contact Neal.Parry@noaa.gov.



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Gulf of Mexico Marine Debris Team Establishes Outreach Partnership

The Gulf of Mexico Marine Debris Project team is partnering with Louisiana Sea Grant (LSG) and the Mississippi-Alabama Sea Grant Consortium (MASGC) to develop and employ outreach materials and strategies that are transferable to constituents in Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama. The goal is to increase coastal stakeholders' awareness of the data and information generated from post-hurricane marine debris survey work. Highlights of the collaboration include, a Gulf marine debris public service announcement, posters and brochures to promote debris data and maps available on the project Web site (<http://gulfofmexico.marinedebris.noaa.gov>), and foreign language translations to reach non-english speaking members of local fishing and shrimping communities. Sea Grant has strong, established contacts with the recreational and commercial fishing and boating communities along the Northern Gulf Coast. By partnering with LSG and MASGC, the Gulf Marine Debris team is aiming to enhance awareness and promotion of the marine debris project and its findings.

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Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council supports Marine Debris Removal Project

At their January 19th meeting, the Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council endorsed a Derelict Fishing Gear Removal Project by Dr. Kirsten Gilardi of the UC Davis SeaDoc Society. Derelict fishing gear can be dangerous to wildlife, boaters, and divers, and can degrade healthy marine habitat. In 2006, Dr. Gilardi began a collaborative project to work with local fishers to recover lost fishing gear from the islands. Funded in part by NOAA's Marine Debris Program, the team removed 326 pieces of gear from Anacapa and Santa Cruz Islands, most of which were lobster traps. Traps in good condition were returned to owners resulting in an estimated savings of \$4,000-\$8,000 to the fishers. In addition, a large purse seine net weighing 4,000 lbs and covering over 5,000 square feet of seafloor was recovered from Santa Rosa Island. Dr. Gilardi presented her progress to the Council, which endorsed a letter to the California Ocean Protection Council

requesting continued funding for the project.

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Marine Debris

Honolulu Advertiser, For the environment, January 2, 2007

<http://www.honoluluadvertiser.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20070102/NEWS11/701020324/1001/NEWS>

"Learn to help reduce marine debris and protect the ocean, 6:30-8 p.m. Friday at Mokupapapa Discovery Center, Outrigger Keauhou Beach Resort; sponsored by NOAA Marine Debris Program; call 397-2651, ext. 256."

New environmental laws taking effect

The Times-Standard, December 31, 2006

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Blue Notes

E/The Environmental Magazine - Norwalk, CT, USA

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"...What the President and others did discuss was the problem of marine debris, particularly plastic waste that drifts into the area on Pacific currents."

Beach clean up report sent to Environment Minister

ABC News Online, Australia, December 29, 2006

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/newsitems/200612/s1819213.htm>

Garbage - a messy problem

The San Pedro Sun, December 28, 2006

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Photos that document the poisoning of paradise

This Is London, December 28, 2006

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Good news for local clammers

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Christmas doesn't have to be wasteful

Montrose Daily Press, December 26, 2006

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Sea world lets her see world

The Daily Item, December 26, 2006

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Slowing a tide of pollutants

Runoff from land dwellers -- urban and agricultural -- harms coastal waters, but there are solutions.

LA Times, December 25, 2006

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Styrofoam containers on way out

S.F., OAKLAND TO BAN PLASTIC AT EATERIES

San Jose Mercury News, December, 21, 2006

<http://www.mercurynews.com/mld/mercurynews/news/local/16288974.htm>

"San Francisco and Oakland will ban uses of polystyrene foams by restaurants next year in an effort to force the use of biodegradable alternatives.

Oakland will enact a ban Jan. 1, followed by San Francisco on June 1. Berkeley banned all uses of polystyrene foam, also known as styrofoam, years ago.

Uses of paper and cardboard are still allowed under the new rules. But new plant-based products made of sugarcane, bamboo and rice pulp and other organic materials are better for the environment, officials from both cities said recently.

San Jose environmental officials could also consider a ban on styrofoam use by restaurants providing the city develops a zero-waste policy first, Environmental Services Department spokeswoman Lindsey Wolf said. Emeryville, Livermore and Capitola are also reportedly interested in considering a ban on the materials.-- RJD"

Marine debris trashing islands

West Hawaii Today, January 8, 2007

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Many hands can help keep our coasts clean

St. Petersburg Times, Tampa Bay, FL, January 8, 2007

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Escalating threat to the future of Scotland's seas

Scotsman - Edinburgh, Scotland, UK,

<http://news.scotsman.com/index.cfm?id=26872007>

Troubled Waters

Daytona Beach News-Journal - Daytona, FL, USA, January 7, 2007

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Reduce, reuse, recover

A new cleanup program recoups 10 tons of fishing gear from local waters

Ventura County Reporter - Ventura, CA, USA, January 4, 2007

<http://www.vcreporter.com/article.php?id=4154&IssueNum=105>

Our Ocean World - January 3rd segment

About the Garbage Patch w/ quotes from Dr. Curtis Ebbesmeyer

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Deathtraps Removed From Coastal Waters

Discovery News, December 26, 2006

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Renourishment has pros and cons for turtle tots

Charleston Post Courier (subscription) - Charleston, SC, January 12, 2007

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Santa Monica: Nonrecyclable ban given thumbs up by City Council

The Argonaut, CA, January 11, 2007

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LAST CALL TO APPLY FOR BOATU.S. FOUNDATION

Megayacht; Superyacht News - Fort Lauderdale,FL, January 9, 2007

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A bay for the saving

Volunteers are cleaning up a mess left when two barges were abandoned off scenic Parker Island

Times Colonist, Canada, January 8, 2007

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Lecture addresses garbage in ocean

Hawaii Tribune Herald, January 8, 2007

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Harbour mess: Who'll pay for cleanup?

Delta officials agree that waterfront is an 'eyesore'

The Vancouver Sun, January 8, 2007

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Union Bay shoreline cleaned

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Delmarva Daily Times, MD, January 4, 2007

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SouthCoastToday.com, MA, January 2, 2007

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Times Online - UK, January 23, 2007

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Mobile Register - Mobile,AL, January 22, 2007

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UK workers race to remove fuel from listing ship

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Star Tribune, January 19, 2007

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