

A banner image showing a rocky beach with various pieces of marine debris, including yellow and blue ropes and white plastic. The words "Marine Debris" are overlaid in a large, blue, serif font.

# Marine Debris

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## NOAA Marine Debris Program

# Marine Debris Monthly Report - March 2008

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This weekly report contains information and updates highlighting NOAA's marine debris projects and partners, as well as marine debris media hits from around the world.

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### **Gulf of Mexico Marine Debris Project Update**

On February 22, 2008 NOAA's Office of Coast Survey (OCS) and Office of Response and Restoration (ORR) met in Baton Rouge with the US Coast Guard, FEMA, and State of Louisiana representatives to present NOAA's plans for offshore survey and information management under the Second Supplemental. This supplemental funding from Congress allows NOAA to survey offshore areas in Louisiana, known to have marine debris deposited by hurricanes Katrina and Rita, and to provide survey data to debris removal operations and the public. OCS will survey nearly 1,000 square nautical miles of offshore areas identified by the state as high priority, and will have a dedicated survey personnel working with the removal vessels to help identify target and provide

removal verification. ORR will provide a team member in the USCG command post to facilitate project execution and enhance communication, and will post maps and survey data on the project's website. The plan calls for the USCG-managed removal operation to follow the survey closely. Preparations for the offshore survey and removal are under way, with surveys scheduled to begin on March 2008.

For more information please contact [Nir Barnea](#).



Crescent Moegling, OCS Project Manager, discusses survey plans. (Photo: Gary Rispone, Louisiana)

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### **Derelict Fishing Net Recycling in Washington**

On February 12th, the NOAA Marine Debris Program (MDP) visited the [Skagit River Steel and Recycling Company](#) near Burlington, WA, to learn about their derelict gear recycling efforts. This company is one of a handful in the US that recycles fishing nets. Lois Young, manager of the recycling division, stated that in the past recycling efforts included cutting fishing nets into smaller pieces and sending them overseas for small-scale fishing operations, as well as sending nets via rail to Chicago for recycling. Currently fishing nets are collected, bailed, and then sent overseas for recycling into plastic products such as packaging, plastic seats, and a variety of other plastic products. Clean nets are accepted at no charge, and dirty nets – those containing lead lines or excess organic material – are usually accepted, but are charged for the labor to clean them.

The facility is currently recycling approximately 200 tons of nets per year, but the capacity exists to increase it to a yearly total of 1,000 tons. Skagit River Steel and Recycling Company has accepted a large shipment of nets from derelict fishing gear cleanup operations in Alaska, and is encouraging similar operations to explore recycling option by this company or others before sending the nets to a landfill.

For more information please contact [Nir Barnea](#).



From left: Sarah Morison and Aneesah Griffin, MDP; Lois Young, SRSR; Peter Murphy and Nir Barnea, MDP.

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### **“Keep Oceans Clean!” Public Service Announcement**

The “Keep Oceans Clean!” *Little Mermaid* PSA is up on the Web for people to view. This PSA is part of a larger “Keep Oceans Clean!” campaign to help spread the word, with the help of Disney’s *Little Mermaid*, on how you can help prevent and reduce marine debris in our oceans and waterways. This campaign was sponsored by NOAA, Environmental Defense, National Marine Sanctuary Foundation (NMSF), Ad Council, and Disney, with contributions from the NOAA Marine Debris Program.

For more information visit Keep Oceans Clean! at <http://www.keeпоceansclean.org/>.

Little Mermaid Oceans Awareness  
Underwater Media, March 14, 2008

<http://underwatermedia.wordpress.com/2008/03/14/little-mermaid-oceans-awareness/>

Keep Oceans Clean  
Ocean Promises, November 20, 2007  
<http://oceanpromises.com/2007/keep-oceans-clean/>

"Keep Oceans Clean" - says Little Mermaid  
The Disney Blog, October 25, 2006  
[http://www.thedisneyblog.com/tdb/2006/10/keep\\_oceans\\_cle.html](http://www.thedisneyblog.com/tdb/2006/10/keep_oceans_cle.html)

Little Mermaid Characters Promote Ocean Awareness  
IESB.net, October 4, 2006

[http://www.iesb.net/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=485&Itemid=99](http://www.iesb.net/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=485&Itemid=99)

Ad Council Joins Three Leading Environmental Groups in Unprecedented Partnership to Promote Ocean Awareness

Common Dreams, October 3, 2006

<http://www.commondreams.org/news2006/1004-04.htm>

Ariel (The Little Mermaid) - Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia  
Wikipedia.com

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ariel\\_\(The\\_Little\\_Mermaid\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ariel_(The_Little_Mermaid))

Hou De Oceanen Proper! Keep Oceans Clean Under The Sea [video PSA]  
Veoh.com

<http://www.veoh.com/videos/v360267SSgbfn9e>

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## **White House Easter Egg Roll Highlights Ocean Conservation and Marine Debris**

Staff with the NOAA Marine Debris Program and Office of National Marine Sanctuaries represented NOAA on Monday (March 24th) at the White House Easter Egg Roll. The Council for Environmental Quality's (CEQ) ocean themed booth focused on marine debris and included representatives from NOAA, the U.S. Department of the Interior, and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. NOAA staff worked at the booth distributing a new "Protect our Ocean's Activity Book" for kids. Also, the NOAA Marine Debris Program's Web site was highlighted in the [CEQ Easter Egg Roll Fact Sheet](#) released by the White House as a great source for information on what we can all do to prevent marine debris. The Easter Egg Roll is an annual event that is attended by nearly 22,000 children and adults.

For more information, contact [Megan.Forbes@noaa.gov](mailto:Megan.Forbes@noaa.gov).

CEQ Fact Sheet: Conserving Our Oceans Through Stewardship, Volunteerism, and Education

Whitehouse.gov - Washington,DC, March 24, 2008

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/news/releases/2008/03/20080324.html>

### **Media hits:**

Annual White House Easter Egg Roll Hops With Jonas Brothers, Cartoon Favorites  
Fox News, March 24, 2008

<http://www.foxnews.com/story/0,2933,340912,00.html>

White House Hosts Annual Easter Egg Roll

Associated Press, March 24, 2008

[http://ap.google.com/article/ALeqM5iur1RO2\\_HrLvd5VHNI1N6QepKboQD8VK10Q82](http://ap.google.com/article/ALeqM5iur1RO2_HrLvd5VHNI1N6QepKboQD8VK10Q82)

White House Egg Roll

ABC News, March 24, 2008

<http://www.abcnews.go.com/Entertainment/popup?id=4514759>

Bush rolls out the welcome mat for annual Easter egg event

USA Today, March 24, 2008

<http://blogs.usatoday.com/ondeadline/2008/03/bush-rolls-out.html>

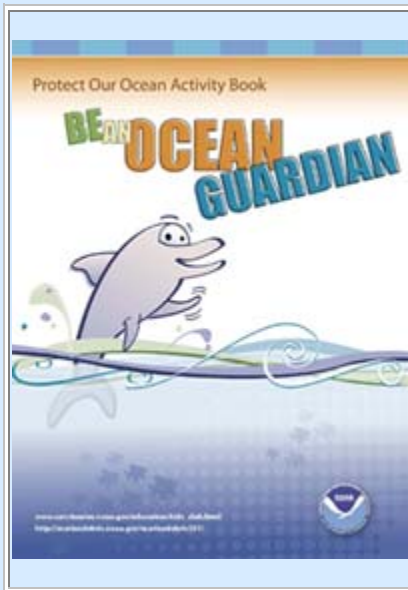
2008 White House Easter Egg Roll

Business Wire (press release) - San Francisco, CA, March, 22, 2008

[http://www.businesswire.com/portal/site/google/?ndmViewId=news\\_view&newsId=20080322005006&newsLang=en](http://www.businesswire.com/portal/site/google/?ndmViewId=news_view&newsId=20080322005006&newsLang=en)

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## **NEW NOAA “Protect our Ocean’s Activity Book”**



A brand new children's activity book has been created and is now available for download on the NOAA Marine Debris Program Web site. This activity book highlights and teaches various ways that we can all help protect our oceans, especially from the effects of marine debris. Included are puzzles, games, and coloring pages, along with how kids can become a NOAA Ocean Guardian. This activity book was created jointly by the NOAA Marine Debris Program and [Office of National Marine Sanctuaries](#).

“Protect our Ocean’s Activity Book” can be downloaded at <http://marinedebris.noaa.gov/outreach/welcome.html>.

Cover of "Protect Our Oceans Activity Book"

Pages of this activity book were excerpts from the NOAA Marine Debris Program's "Understanding Marine Debris: Games and Activities for Kids of All Ages." This activity book can be downloaded in its entirety at

[http://marinedebris.noaa.gov/marinedebris101/resources\\_md101.html](http://marinedebris.noaa.gov/marinedebris101/resources_md101.html).

For more information, contact [Megan.Forbes@noaa.gov](mailto:Megan.Forbes@noaa.gov).

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## **Marine Debris Research Cruise Under Way from Hawaii**



An earlier at-sea test flight of the Malolo I off the coast of Oahu. *Photo courtesy of NOAA.*

A 17-day cruise on the NOAA ship OSCAR ELTON SETTE is under way to test a number of technologies to detect and possibly remove marine debris from the North Pacific Subtropical Convergence Zone. The cruise is being led by the [Coral Reef Ecosystem Division of the NOAA Pacific Islands Fisheries Science Center](#), with support from the [Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument](#). Personnel from the NOAA Marine Debris Program and [Airborne Technologies, Inc.](#), a company based in Alaska, round out the marine debris scientific crew.

Debris will be spotted using powerful binoculars and from an unmanned aerial system (*Malolo I*) that can stream video camera back to the ship. The scientists will attempt to attach tracking buoys to large bundles of debris, mainly derelict fishing gear. Smaller pieces of debris will be brought on board the ship and transported back to Oahu.

For more information contact [Carey.Morishige@noaa.gov](mailto:Carey.Morishige@noaa.gov) or visit [http://marinedebris.noaa.gov/projects/atsea\\_cruise.html](http://marinedebris.noaa.gov/projects/atsea_cruise.html) (included photos and a link to a cruise blog!)

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### **National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Marine Debris Grant to Open**

A marine debris grant through the [National Fish and Wildlife Foundation](#) (NFWF) will be opening soon. With support from the NOAA Marine Debris Program, the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation will fund projects that will result in benefits to living marine resource habitats and navigational waterways through removing and/or preventing marine debris, including projects that are coupled with a best management practice that limits the re-accumulation of debris. This NOAA partnership supports innovative and effective conservation and stewardship of our country's marine and coastal areas.

For more information visit <http://marinedebris.noaa.gov/funding/welcome.html>.

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### **Current NOAA Projects Addressing Marine Debris in the U.S.**

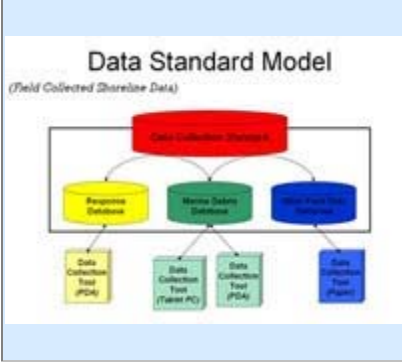
Project description pages are available on the [NOAA Marine Debris Program Web site!](#) Learn about and view photos and videos of current NOAA projects addressing marine debris across the nation.

Nationwide



Assessing the Socio-economic Costs of Marine Debris and the Benefits of Abatement - Phase 2: Model Development, Data Gap Analysis and Survey Design

Net removed at-sea by Hawaii-based longliner. *Photo courtesy of R. Mansho, Schnitzer Steel HI Corp.*



Emergency Response Field Data Collection - Integrating Marine Debris and Shoreline Assessment Data Through a Common Data Standard

A data standard can provide a common language that allows different groups and data collection efforts to share information. It can be the rules of communication that help standardize the way data is collected and stored. Once critical commonalities exist then integration and the associated benefits are possible. *Figure courtesy of I. Zelo.*

**Atlantic Region**



Demonstration Project for At-sea Retrieval and Shore-side Removal of Derelict Fishing Gear from the Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary

Capt. Frank Mirarchi and project sanctuary staff lead Ben Cowie-Haskell display their successful catch of derelict lobster traps from the Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary off of Massachusetts. *Photo courtesy of Dave Haley.*



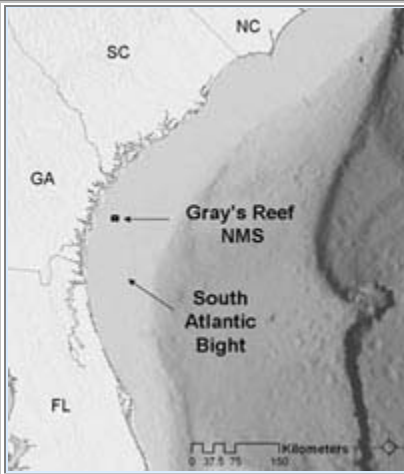
Debris Accumulation, Removal and Impact Assessment (DARIA)

Staff at CCFHR remove debris at a salt marsh located near the CCFHR campus. *Photo courtesy of Shay Viehman, NOAA/CCFHR.*



Recovery and Subsequent Disposal of Ghost Black Sea Bass Traps in the U.S. South Atlantic Fishery Management Area

Derelict Black Sea Bass trap. *Photo courtesy of NMFS.*



### Assessment, Monitoring, and Reduction of the Causes and Impacts of Marine Debris in the South Atlantic Bight

Map courtesy of NOAA Gray's Reef National Marine Sanctuary.



### Derelict Traps and Casita Debris in the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary: Distribution, Habitat Impacts, and Bycatch Mortality

Project divers Tom Matthews (foreground) and Jenny Vander Pluym assess the extent of habitat impact from a derelict spiny lobster trap observed during a tow. *Photo courtesy of NOAA.*



### Identification, Mapping, and Assessment of Derelict Fishing Gear in the Chesapeake Bay

Media event held to highlight this project in Chesapeake Bay. *Photo courtesy of NOAA.*

## Pacific Region



### Coordinating Our Efforts: Establishing Effective and Scientifically Sound Marine Debris Goals, Practices, and Outreach for Alaska

Clean up efforts in 2004 on St. Paul Island, Alaska. *Photos courtesy of Michael Williams, NOAA.*





### [Oregon Derelict Gear Recovery](#)

Off-loading recovered gear. *Photo courtesy of NOAA.*



### [Development of a Coordinated Strategy for the Washington Outer Coast Beach Cleanup and Debris Cache Removal](#)

One of many piles of debris collected from the Olympic Coast. *Photo courtesy of OCNMS.*



### [An Assessment of Derelict Fishing Gear and Other Marine Debris in Deepwater Benthic Habitats Off California](#)

*Photo courtesy of Milton Love (University of California Santa Barbara).*



### [Marine Debris Survey and Removal from the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands \(NWHI\) Marine National Monument: Maintenance Mode](#)

Hauling out derelict net in the Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument. *Photo courtesy of NOAA Fisheries, Pacific Islands Fisheries Science Center.*



### [A Survey of Invertebrate and Algal Communities Colonizing Marine Debris in the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands](#)

Alien mussel found on a derelict net. *Photo courtesy of NOAA Fisheries, Pacific Islands Fisheries Science Center.*



### [Planning for Removal of Derelict Vessels and Vessel Debris in American Samoa](#)

Wreckage of the F/V Young Kwan is spread over several hundred meters of the shoreline and reef flats on Aunu'u Island. *Photo courtesy of D. Helton.*

## **Marine Debris in the News**

*Marine debris media hits from various sources around the world.*

\* = Related to the NOAA Marine Debris Program, a funded project, or marine debris partners the program works with.

### **Hawaii Students Win National Water Challenge**

KHNL-TV/KHBC/KOGG - Honolulu, HI, March 24, 2008

<http://www.khnl.com/Global/story.asp?S=8062596>

### **Annual Beach Cleanup in its 25th year**

The Register-Guard - Eugene, OR, March 24, 2008

<http://www.registerguard.com/csp/cms/sites/dt.cms.support.viewStory.cls?cid=83213&sid=40&fid=1>

### **COMMENT: Collective will needed to ban bags**

Worcester News - Worcester News, UK, March 24, 2008

[http://www.worcesternews.co.uk/mostpopular.var.2141161.mostcommented.comment\\_collective\\_will\\_needed\\_to\\_ban\\_bags.php](http://www.worcesternews.co.uk/mostpopular.var.2141161.mostcommented.comment_collective_will_needed_to_ban_bags.php)

### **Washington CoastSavers public program \***

Seattle Times - United States, March, 24, 2008

[http://seattletimes.nwsourc.com/html/hereandnow/2004301614\\_here24m.html](http://seattletimes.nwsourc.com/html/hereandnow/2004301614_here24m.html)

### **Artist's litter message**

Ipswich Evening Star - Ipswich, England, UK, March 23, 2008

<http://www.eveningstar.co.uk/content/eveningstar/news/story.aspx?brand=ESTOnline&category=News&tBrand=ESTOnline&tCategory=News&itemid=IPED20%20Mar%202008%2016%3A11%3A49%3A537>

### **Help remove debris from beach**

Houston Chronicle, March 21, 2008

<http://www.chron.com/disp/story.mpl/metropolitan/5639510.html>

### **Ocean debris harms Alaska fisheries, MCAF official says \***

Kodiak Daily Mirror, March 21, 2008

<http://www.kodiakdailymirror.com/?pid=19&id=5986>

### **Time to get drastic on plastic?**

BBC News - UK, March 21, 2008

[http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/uk\\_news/wales/7306785.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/uk_news/wales/7306785.stm)

### **Big beach-clean effort is working wonders**

Ross-Shire Journal - Inverness, Scotland, UK, March 21, 2008

[http://www.ross-shirejournal.co.uk/news/fullstory.php/aid/3604/Big\\_beach-clean\\_effort\\_is\\_working\\_wonders.html](http://www.ross-shirejournal.co.uk/news/fullstory.php/aid/3604/Big_beach-clean_effort_is_working_wonders.html)

### **International Offshore Services gets debris removal project**

EnergyCurrent - Houston, TX, March 20, 2008

<http://www.energycurrent.com/index.php?id=4&storyid=9537>

### **Coast Guard: Debris found Thursday may be from missing sailboat**

San Jose Mercury News - CA, March 20, 2008

[http://www.mercurynews.com/breakingnews/ci\\_8644673?nclick\\_check=1](http://www.mercurynews.com/breakingnews/ci_8644673?nclick_check=1)

**Mirarchi presenting fisheries management program \***

Scituate Mariner - Marshfield,MA, March 20, 2008

<http://www.wickedlocal.com/scituate/news/x325163739>

**Senior projects focus on community**

Jamestown Press - RI, March 20, 2008

<http://www.jamestownpress.com/news/2008/0320/News/006.html>

**CoastSavers plans public meetings to prepare for April 26 beach cleanup \***

TheNewsTribune.com - Tacoma,WA, March 20, 2008

<http://www.thenewstribune.com/adventure/story/313705.html>

**Officials from across county say plans to stop use of grocery bags**

Santa Rosa Press Democrat - Santa Rosa,CA, March 20, 2008

<http://www1.pressdemocrat.com/article/20080320/NEWS/803200344/1033/NEWS&template=kart>

**Marine-debris removal efforts ramp up in second stage \***

Houma Today, March 19, 2008

<http://www.houmatoday.com/article/20080319/NEWS/803190321/1026>

**Best assessments involve the people doing the job**

nebusiness.co.uk - UK, March 19, 2008

<http://www.nebusiness.co.uk/business-sector-reports/business-innovation-north-east/spring-2008/2008/03/19/best-assessments-involve-the-people-doing-the-job-51140-20647240/>

**Volunteers needed for Kokololio Beach cleaning**

Honolulu Advertiser - Honolulu,HI, March 19, 2008

<http://www.honoluluadvertiser.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20080319/NEWS25/80318089/1318/NEWS25>

**Aged ships a toxic export**

Christian Science Monitor, March 19, 2008

<http://www.csmonitor.com/2008/0319/p14s02-sten.html?page=3>

**Bag Ban**

Foxnews.com, March 18, 2008

<http://www.foxnews.com/story/0,2933,339053,00.html>

**Town to become pilot site for clean up**

Journal Press - King George - King George,VA, March 18, 2008

<http://www.journalpress.com/link.asp?twindow=Default&smenu=78&sdetail=4701&mad=No&wpage=&skeyword=&sidate=>

**Rubbish volunteers 'outstanding'**

Australian Star - Pakenham,Victoria,Australia, March 18, 2008

<http://www.senews.com.au/story/56446>

**RSPB joins calls for network of Scottish marine reserves**

Scotsman - United Kingdom, March 18, 2008

<http://news.scotsman.com/scotland/RSPB--joins-calls-for.3887057.jp>

**South Australia plans HDPE bag ban**

Plastics & Rubber Weekly - Croydon,UK, March 17, 2008

[http://www.prw.com/homePBP\\_NADetail\\_UP.aspx?ID\\_Site=818&ID\\_Article=](http://www.prw.com/homePBP_NADetail_UP.aspx?ID_Site=818&ID_Article=)

[24446&mode=1&curpage=0](http://www.2theadvocate.com/news/acadiana/16666331.html)

**Debris removed from coastal waters**

2TheAdvocate - Baton Rouge,LA, March 14, 2008

<http://www.2theadvocate.com/news/acadiana/16666331.html>

**Students helping save dolphins, whales**

MiamiHerald.com - Miami,FL, March 13, 2008

<http://www.miamiherald.com/676/story/454804.html>

**Bahrain: Plea to reuse plastic bags**

Middle East North Africa Financial Network - Amman,Jordan, March 11, 2008

[http://www.menafn.com/qn\\_news\\_story\\_s.asp?StoryId=1093188774](http://www.menafn.com/qn_news_story_s.asp?StoryId=1093188774)

**SPRING CLEAN UP VOLUNTEERS HELP CLEAR COASTAL DEBRIS**

gibfocus.gi - Gibraltar, March 11, 2008

[http://www.gibfocus.gi/details\\_headlines.php?id=2220](http://www.gibfocus.gi/details_headlines.php?id=2220)

**Let's jettison the jetsam**

Lake Oswego Review - Lake Oswego,OR, March 11, 2008

[http://www.lakeoswegoreview.com/sustainable/story.php?story\\_id=120491871609859300](http://www.lakeoswegoreview.com/sustainable/story.php?story_id=120491871609859300)

**Party's call to bin plastic bags**

Crewe Guardian - Crewe,England,UK, March 10, 2008

[http://www.thisischeshire.co.uk/mostpopular.var.2106179.mostviewed.partys\\_call\\_to\\_bin\\_plastic\\_bags.php](http://www.thisischeshire.co.uk/mostpopular.var.2106179.mostviewed.partys_call_to_bin_plastic_bags.php)

**Britain: Tap Water Only**

Reuters/New York Times, March 7, 2008

<http://www.nytimes.com/2008/03/07/world/europe/07briefs-water.html?ex=1362546000&en=4fee40955bc1c634&ei=5088&partner=rssnyt&emc=rss>

**Plastic bags choke Garrett**

Melbourne Herald Sun - Australia, March 11, 2008

<http://www.news.com.au/heraldsun/story/0,21985,23359068-5000117,00.html>

**Plastic waste puts seas in danger**

StarPhoenix - Saskatoon,Saskatchewan,Canada

<http://www.canada.com/saskatoonstarphoenix/news/arts/story.html?id=afc38b10-2fbb-4d0c-82e8-4ab895cce08d>

**18 years later, banned polymer liners**

Lake Oswego Review - Lake Oswego,OR, March 11, 2008

[http://www.lakeoswegoreview.com/sustainable/story.php?story\\_id=120491888226018400](http://www.lakeoswegoreview.com/sustainable/story.php?story_id=120491888226018400)

**Fresh call to dump plastic**

Gulf Daily News - Manama,Bahrain, March 11, 2008

<http://www.gulf-daily-news.com/Story.asp?Article=211194&Sn=BNEW&IssueID=30357>

**Chinese workers? Let them pick up litter**

Spiked - London,UK, March 10, 2008

<http://www.spiked-online.com/index.php?/site/article/4853/>

**Scientists trash plastic bag ban**

NEWS.com.au - Australia, March 10, 2008

<http://www.news.com.au/story/0,23599,23346582-2,00.html>

**Anti-plastic crusaders stuck holding the bag**

WorldNetDaily - Grants Pass,OR, March 9, 2008

<http://worldnetdaily.com/index.php?fa=PAGE.view&pageId=58447>

**Scientists rubbish killer plastic bag claims**

Scotland on Sunday - Edinburgh,Scotland,UK, March 9, 2008

<http://scotlandonsunday.scotsman.com/uk/Scientists-rubbish-killer-plastic-.3858856.jp>

**Candidates to debate, oil, gas and mining issues at ComFish**

Alaskajournal.com - Anchorage,AK, March 9, 2008

[http://www.alaskajournal.com/stories/030908/hom\\_20080309035.shtml](http://www.alaskajournal.com/stories/030908/hom_20080309035.shtml)

**Series of blunders turned the plastic bag into global villain**

Times Online - UK, March 8, 2008

<http://www.timesonline.co.uk/tol/news/environment/article3508263.ece>

**Save our sea life**

Times Online - UK, March 7, 2008

[http://www.timesonline.co.uk/tol/life\\_and\\_style/related\\_features/love\\_nature/article3506807.ece](http://www.timesonline.co.uk/tol/life_and_style/related_features/love_nature/article3506807.ece)

**Help save our seas from a tide of filth!**

Scoop.co.nz - New Zealand, March 7, 2008

<http://www.scoop.co.nz/stories/PO0803/S00084.htm>

**Louisiana Business: Katrina, Rita Debris**

Bayou Buzz - Metairie,LA, March 7, 2008

[http://www.bayoubuzz.com/News/Louisiana/Business/Louisiana\\_Business\\_Models\\_Wanted\\_Dutch\\_Alliance\\_Pakistan\\_Oil\\_HUD\\_Housing\\_Shinn\\_Foundation\\_5967.asp](http://www.bayoubuzz.com/News/Louisiana/Business/Louisiana_Business_Models_Wanted_Dutch_Alliance_Pakistan_Oil_HUD_Housing_Shinn_Foundation_5967.asp)

**Flotsam fever**

Globe and Mail - Canada, March 7, 2008

<http://www.theglobeandmail.com/servlet/story/RTGAM.20080307.wlflotsam07/BNStory/lifeMain/home>

**Agencies solicit public to report marine debris**

2TheAdvocate - Baton Rouge,LA, March 7, 2008

<http://www.2theadvocate.com/news/16372961.html>

**Santa Monica: City Council seeks to prohibit single-use plastic bags**

Marina del Rey Argonaut - Marina del Rey,CA, March 6, 2008

[http://www.argonautnewspaper.com/articles/2008/03/06/news\\_-\\_features/top\\_stories/2sm.txt](http://www.argonautnewspaper.com/articles/2008/03/06/news_-_features/top_stories/2sm.txt)

**Pacific Ocean filling up with plastic, experts say**

Georgia Straight - Vancouver,British Columbia,Canada, March 6, 2008

<http://www.straight.com/article-135556/pacific-ocean-filling-up-with-plastic-experts-say>

**In New Effort, U.S. Army Divers Help NOAA National Marine Sanctuaries Remove Marine Debris****and Support Fish Research**

NOAA - Washington,DC, March 6, 2008

[http://www.noaanews.noaa.gov/stories2008/20080306\\_divers.html](http://www.noaanews.noaa.gov/stories2008/20080306_divers.html)

**Pitch in to clean up shoreline**

Jacksonville Daily Record - Jacksonville,FL, March 6, 2008

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