



North Carolina Marine Debris Symposium Agenda

Wednesday, October 12th

9 – 10am Check-in and Networking

Be Waste-Free: Please Bring your Own Coffee Cup, Utensils, and Water Bottle

10:00am – 11:30am **Fisheries Impacts and Solutions**

Fisheries and Shellfish Impacts from Plastic Pollution

(30 minutes)

Anna Lewis, Duke University, Ph.D. candidate

Water Quality for Fisheries Program

(25 minutes)

Lisa Rider, Coastal Carolina Riverwatch

**From Shores to Shoes: Transforming Discarded Fishing Gear into
Raw Material for the Footwear Industry**

(30 minutes)

Genevieve Gholizadeh, NC State University

11:30-12:30 **Introduction to Community Educator Workshop**

Adopt a Drain Curriculum and Application for Citizen Student Science

Dr. Liz DeMatia, Duke University Marine Laboratory

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- 12:30pm Lunch Provided at the Duke University Marine Lab for in-person attendees.
- 1:30pm - 2:30pm **Community Educator Workshop**
Adopt a Drain Curriculum and Application for Citizen Student Science
Dr. Liz DeMatia, Duke University Marine Laboratory
- 2:30 -3:30pm **Large Scale Removal Efforts**
Marine Debris Removal Efforts Along the NC Coast
Sarah S. Bodin and Commercial Crab Representative, NC
Coastal Federation
- Break
- 3:45-5pm **Plastic Prevention Advocacy and Outreach**
Ocean Friendly Establishment Scavenger Hunt
Becca Drohan and Riley Lewis,
Coastal Carolina Riverwatch
Plastic Ocean Project Film Preview “If the Ocean Could Talk”
Bonnie Monteleone, Plastic Ocean Project
**Coastal Carolina Riverwatch Film Screening “Tidal Alert: The
State of Water Quality and its Impacts on Coastal Fisheries”**
Riley Lewis, White Oak Waterkeeper
Facilitated Film Screening and Q&A Session

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- 10am -11am **Assessing potential plastic ingestion in grizzly bear (*Ursus arctos horribilis*) and black bear (*Ursus americanus*) scat**
(30 minutes)
- Sam Athey, Plastic Ocean Project
- Evaluating microplastic ingestion in stranded bottlenose dolphins (*Tursiops truncatus*)**
(30 minutes)
- Emily Mulivill, Plastic Ocean Project
- 11:10am-12:30pm **NC Sea Grant and Sound Rivers Neuse River and Pamlico Sound Project** (30 minutes)
- Gloria Putnam, NC Sea Grant
- Upstream Plastics Research and Partnerships**
- New River Trash Trout Project (10 minutes)
- Lisa River, Coastal Carolina Riverwatch
- Waterkeepers Carolina Microplastics Study (30 minutes)
- Kayla West, Plastic Ocean Project

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1:30pm-4pm **Policy Workshop**

Topsail Beach's Un-encapsulated Polystyrene Ordinance

(30 minutes)

Bonnie Mitchell, NC Coastal Federation

Asheville Plastic Bag and Styrofoam Policy

(30 minutes)

Anna Alsobrook, Mountain True

NC Plastic Policy Toolkit

(60 minutes)

Michelle Nowlin, J.D. and Nancy Lauer, Ph.D.,

Duke Law and Policy Clinic

Q&A and Roundtable Policy Workshop Session

4:00-5:00pm **Consumer Products Workshop**

A Reusable Life in Carbon Savings

Madhavi Trikha, University of NC at Chapel Hill

Locally Loved Plastic-Free Consumer Products

Caprice Pratt, Plastic Free by the Sea

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Friday, October 14th

9am - 10am	Check-in and Networking <i>Be Waste-Free: Please Bring your Own Coffee Cup, Utensils, and Water Bottle</i>
10am-12:30pm	NC Composting Workshop Join Wilmington Compost and Crystal Coast Compost for a Composting Workshop, including information on plastics contamination and best products and practices for safe composting at home or if you have curb service.
12:30 Lunch	Provided at the Duke University Marine Lab for in-person attendees.
1:30-2:30pm	Drones for Marine Debris Monitoring with The Ocean Cleanup David Poling. B.Sc. Marine Science – Biological Oceanography, North Carolina State University
2:30-3pm	Litter Free By the Sea
3pm-3:30pm	Final Roundtable Session Updating regional and state plans Highlights from regional work outside of NC Next steps and opportunities in 2022 Workshops in 2022-2023

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Location: 135 Duke Marine Lab Rd, Beaufort, NC 28516

Heather Cashwell, NC State University - Event Facilitator

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