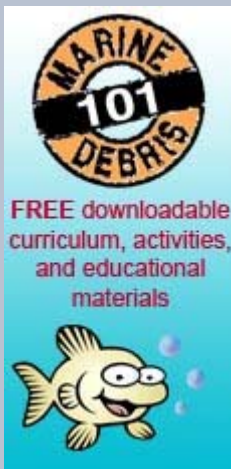


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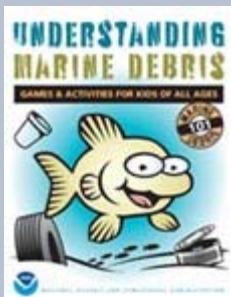
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Hi! My name is

Ecofinley



"Keep the sea free of debris!"

The NOAA Marine Debris Program is pleased to announce the newest member of their team...**Ecofinley!** This unique and fitting name was created by Lauren and Delia, sixth graders from Massachusetts because, "it combined ecofriendly and fins, which fish have!" Also being "ecofriendly is about being good to the Earth" and helping to keep the sea free of debris!!!

Thank you to all those who submitted entries to our "Fishy" Naming Contest! They are all VERY creative and original! Our NOAA awards panel had a tough time judging all the entries and selecting the top "fishy" name.

Join Ecofinley and help "Keep the sea free of debris!"

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[Stellwagen Sweep Recognition Event in Sandwich, MA](#)

On May 4, 2009, the NOAA Marine Debris Program participated in Stellwagen Sweep's recognition event in Sandwich, MA, at the Sandwich Marina Visitors Center. Stellwagen Sweep is a project of Stellwagen Alive!, an NGO supporting the mission of the Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary. The event congratulated the community on their disposal of 10,000 lbs of derelict fishing gear into bins provided by the Fishing for Energy partnership of the NOAA Marine Debris Program, Covanta Energy, National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, and Schnitzer Steel. The gear disposed of was both old gear no longer needed, and derelict gear that had been recovered from areas around the Sanctuary with the cooperation of the Massachusetts Lobsetermen's Association, State of Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries, and Massachusetts Environmental Police.

For more information, please contact [Sarah Morison](#).

Program is a win-win for Cape fishermen, ocean *
Cape Cod Times, May 5, 2009

<http://www.capecodonline.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20090505/NEWS/905050317/-1/NEWS01>

Stellwagen Sweep: Sandwich Reels in Big One *

PR Newswire (press release) - New York, NY, May 4, 2009

<http://news.prnewswire.com/DisplayReleaseContent.aspx?ACCT=104&STORY=/www/story/05-04-2009/0005018641&EDATE=>

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Marine Debris Funding Opportunity Open

The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation will be accepting pre-proposals for the Marine Debris Research and Technology Grants Program starting April 3rd. This program is a partnership between the NOAA Marine Debris Program and National Fish and Wildlife Foundation to provide grants to organizations working on projects to improve our understanding of the impacts of marine debris on our marine and coastal resources, and to reduce and prevent debris in our marine environment.

Pre-proposals due **May 8, 2009**.

Weblink: www.nfwf.org/marinedebris/rfp

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Hawaii's Nets to Energy Program Highlighted on KHNL News 8



On Thursday, April 30th, staff with the NOAA Marine Debris Program helped coordinate filming of [Hawaii's Nets to Energy](#) and [Pier 38 Port Reception Programs](#) with Roger Mari, cameraman with local television stations KHNL and KFVE. The all-day filming included offloading of derelict nets from a longline vessel that retrieved them at sea, through the Pier 38 port reception program, all the way to the chopping of these derelict nets and combustion into usable energy. Over a dozen partners of these successful programs (public-private partnerships) were included in the filming and assisted in the coordination. NOAA MDP Pacific Islands coordinator, Kris McElwee, was one of many to be interviewed on the success of these programs. Part 1 of 2 aired on May 6th and Part 2 will air on KHNL and KFVE on May 13th in Hawaii.

Derelict fishing nets are put to good use

KHNL-TV/KHBC/KOGG - Honolulu, HI, May 8, 2009

<http://www.khnl.com/Global/story.asp?S=10318528>

For more information contact [Carey Morishige](#).

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NOAA Marine Debris Program Opens USCG Conference

On May 7, 2009, the NOAA Marine Debris Program participated in the Sea Partners/America's Waterway Watch (SPAWW) conference in San Diego, CA by invitation of the US Coast Guard (USCG). The well-attended conference was an opportunity for NOAA to provide updated information on the impacts of marine debris as well as select educational tools available to USCG personnel around the country. SPAWW attendees were keenly aware of the impacts marine debris has on their specific communities, and were excited to identify additional ways for NOAA and the USCG to partner to protect our nation's marine resources.

For more information, please contact [Neal Parry](#).



Neal Parry, program analyst with the NOAA Marine Debris Program.

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Marine Debris Tracking Project Posted on SIMoN Website

On May 14th, Sanctuary Integrated Monitoring Network (SIMoN) staff added a marine debris tracking project in the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary to the SIMoN database, which in turn dynamically generates a publicly viewable web page displaying the project's metadata (i.e. the who, what, where, when, and why). Save Our Shores (SOS) is a non-profit marine conservation organization in Santa Cruz, California, whose mission is marine conservation through policy research, education and citizen involvement. In an effort to develop baseline data and measure the effectiveness of litter abatement programs, SOS developed a marine debris tracking system in April 2007, with a redesign in 2008 by a statewide steering committee for use by organizations across California and compatible with the International Coastal Cleanup Day data set. Volunteers collect standardized information on debris found during beach and river cleanups, reporting the data to an online clearinghouse. SOS manages and provides the data via the SOS website. Portions of this project have been funded by the NOAA Marine Debris Program and the California State Coastal Conservancy.

Visit the website at: http://sanctuariesimon.org/monterey/sections/beaches/project_info.php?projectID=100349&sec=b

For more information contact Dr. Steve Lonhart, SIMoN Senior Scientist, at Steve.Lonhart@noaa.gov.

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NOAA Marine Debris Program Updates

Updates and information on marine debris projects across the US led by or involving the NOAA Marine Debris Program.



[Hawaii Marine Debris Action Plan \(HI-MDAP\)](#)



[Joint Marine Debris Project with Republic of Korea](#)



[International Research Workshop on the Occurrence, Effects, and Fate of Microplastic Marine Debris](#)



[Gulf of Mexico Marine Debris Project](#)



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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.*

TD Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup

HazMat Management Magazine (subscription) - Toronto, ON, May 25, 2009

<http://hazmatmag.com/issues/ISArticle.asp?aid=1000327052>

World Ocean Day Events

Honolulu Advertiser - Honolulu, HI, May 25, 2009

<http://www.honoluluadvertiser.com/article/20090525/GETPUBLISHED/90522077>

Boarders make sea sweep

Honolulu Star-Bulletin - Honolulu, HI, May 25, 2009

http://www.starbulletin.com/news/hawaii/news/20090525_boarders_make_sea_sweep.html

Island steers course toward shipshape status

Beaumont Enterprise - Beaumont, TX, May 22, 2009

http://www.beaumontenterprise.com/news/local/island_steers_course_toward_shipshape_status_05-22-2009.html

Clean up begins in Honolulu Harbor

KHNL-TV/KHBC/KOGG - Honolulu, HI, May 19, 2009

<http://www.khnl.com/Global/story.asp?S=10392737>

Chesil Beach clean-up students find 2,060 pieces of rubbish

Dorset Echo - UK, May 19, 2009

[http://www.dorsetecho.co.uk/news/4378752.Dorset Beach Clean students fill 10 sacks in 100 metres/](http://www.dorsetecho.co.uk/news/4378752.Dorset_Beach_Clean_students_fill_10_sacks_in_100_metres/)

Researchers work with Alaska fishermen to save sea lions

WBIR-TV - Knoxville, TN, May 14, 2009

<http://www.wbir.com/news/national/story.aspx?storyid=87610&catid=16>

Debris removal is a safety issue

Daily Comet - Thibodaux, LA, May 14, 2009

<http://www.dailycomet.com/article/20090514/OPINION/905141000?Title=Debris-removal-is-a-safety-issue>

The Plastics "Out There" and "In Here"

The Huffington Post, May 14, 2009

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/wallace-j-nichols/the-plastics-out-there-an_b_202763.html

Derelict fishing nets are turned into electricity *

KHNL-TV/KHBC/KOGG - Honolulu, HI, May 13, 2009

<http://www.khnl.com/Global/story.asp?S=10359722>

Reducing Big Island rubbish one bag at a time

Big Island Weekly - Hilo, HI, May 13, 2009

<http://www.bigislandweekly.com/articles/2009/05/13/read/news/news04.txt>

'Ghost Pot' program benefits Bay and watermen *

William and Mary News - Williamsburg, VA, May 12, 2009

<http://www.wm.edu/news/stories/2009/ghost-pot-program-benefits-bay-and-watermen-123.php>

"Ghost pots" kill crabs - and more *

Baltimore Sun - United States, May 12, 2009

http://weblogs.baltimoresun.com/news/local/bay_environment/blog/2009/05/ghost_pots_kill_crabs_and_more.html

Coast Guard to clear 2005 debris out of waterways

The Daily Advertiser - Lafayette, LA, May 8, 2009

<http://www.theadvertiser.com/article/20090508/NEWS01/90508005>

Divers discover massive net offshore

WPTV - West Palm Beach, FL, May 11, 2009

<http://www.wptv.com/content/segments/uvw/story/Local-divers-reel-huge-gill-net-offshore/1KthCjQK5k-YK1rKHm-Zhw.csp>

Debris removal scheduled to begin this summer

Houma Courier - Houma, Louisiana, May 11, 2009

<http://www.houmatoday.com/article/20090511/ARTICLES/905119963/1026?Title=Debris-removal-scheduled-to-begin-this-summer>

Lost nets threaten fish stocks

Financial Times - London, England, UK, May 7, 2009

http://www.ft.com/cms/s/0/ffdb366a-3aa0-11de-8a2d-00144feabdc0.html?nclink_check=1

Help the city keep beaches cleaner

Staten Island Advance - SILive.com - Staten Island, NY, May 7, 2009

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Ghost nets hurting marine environment

Insciences Organisation - Basel, Switzerland, May 6, 2009

http://insciences.org/article.php?article_id=4803

Floating Ghost Nets Keep Fishing for Years

Environment News Service, May 6, 2009

<http://www.ens-newswire.com/ens/may2009/2009-05-06-01.asp>

In rite of spring, volunteers clean up tons of garbage

The Chesapeake Bay Journal - Seven Valleys,PA, May 6, 2009

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Converting Old Fishing Gear To Energy *

NPR, May 5, 2009

<http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=103805882>

Ten thousand pound of debris collected from ocean *

Wicked Local, May 5, 2009

<http://www.wickedlocal.com/sandwich/news/x845564780/Ten-thousand-pound-of-debris-collected-from-ocean>

Divers plan to clean up harbor floor

Daily Sound, May 5, 2009

<http://www.thedailysound.com/News/050509harborcleanup>

"Ghost fishing" by lost nets damages seas: UN

Reuters UK - UK, May 5, 2009

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FEMA Gives \$18.1 Million For Texas Beach Cleanup After Ike

Environment News Service - USA, May 4, 2009

<http://www.ens-newswire.com/ens/may2009/2009-05-04-095.asp>

Awards given today for marine cleanup

Cape Cod Times - Hyannis,MA, May 4, 2009

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Abandoned wreck removed after 26 years *

Saipan Tribune, May 1, 2009

<http://www.saipantribune.com/newsstory.aspx?newsID=89870>

Sierra: Message in a Bottle

Sierra Magazine, May 2009

<http://sierraclub.org/sierra/200905/message.aspx>

Aberdeen to beach users: Keep our shoreline clean

Holmdel Independent - Holmdel,NJ, April 30, 2009

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Kingston Maurward College Students in Clean Sweep

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Beach litter hits record

Bridlington Today - UK, April 21, 2009

<http://www.bridlingtonfreepress.co.uk/news/Beach-litter-hits-record.5182123.jp>

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