



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 & Shellfish Impacts from Plastic Pollution (45 minutes)

Anna Lewis, Duke University, Ph.D. candidate

Water Quality for Fisheries Program (25 minutes)

Lisa Rider, Coastal Carolina Riverwatch

Q&A Session / Break

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

12:30pm Lunch Provided at the Duke University Marine Lab for in-person attendees.

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1:30pm - 2:30pm

Community Educator Workshop Part 2

Adopt a Drain Curriculum and Application for Citizen Student Science

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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

3:45-5pm

Plastic Prevention Advocacy and Outreach

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

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Waterkeepers Carolina Microplastics Study (30 minutes) Kayla West, Plastic Ocean Project

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

Topsail Beach's Un-encapsulated Polystyrene Ordinance (30 minutes)

Bonnie Mitchell, NC Coastal Federation

NC Plastic Policy Toolkit (60 minutes)

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

Duke Law and Policy Clinic

Asheville Plastic Bag and Styrofoam Policy (30 minutes)

Anna Alsobrook, Mountain True

Abandoned Derelict Vessel Ordinance and Cleanup in the City of Jacksonville (15 minutes)

Aaron Houran, City of Jacksonville Water Technician

Facilitated Roundtable Question and Answer Session

4:30-5:30pm **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
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- 10am-12:30pm **Facilitated Roundable Session:**
How to take Collaborative Action throughout the Year
NC Plastic Reduction Coalition - Katie Craig, NCPIRG
Facilitated by Heather Cashwell, NCSU
<Wilmington Compost Workshop CANCELLED>
- 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 **The New Cost of Plastics Disposal: Chemical Recycling**

Katie Craig, NC Public Interest Research Group (NCPIRG)
- 3pm-4pm **Beyond Business as Usual**

Nina Butler, Stina Inc.

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

Heather Cashwell, NC State University - Event Facilitator

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