



Blue Ocean Society for Marine Conservation

Coastal Debris Monitoring Project

Data Card

Please answer the following questions and record your data on the back of this card. Return the card to your cleanup director. Completed cards can be dropped off or mailed to: Blue Ocean Society, 400 Little Harbor Road #1103, Portsmouth, NH 03801. You can also scan or take a photo of each side of the card and email to info@blueoceansociety.org.

Name: _____

Group/Affiliation: _____

Cleanup Date: ____/____/____

Cleanup start time: _____ AM/PM

Cleanup Site: _____

Cleanup end time: _____ AM/PM

Current weather: _____

Notable weather in previous week (storms, winds, etc.): _____

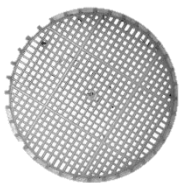
Other remarks: _____

Dead/Live/Entangled Animals: _____

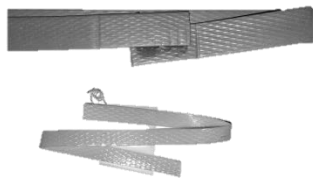
Instructions:

- Pick up all the trash and record all items you find. Keep track of the items by making tick marks (### II). Only numbers are useful, avoid using words or check marks.
- If you can tell where a fragment is from, record it as that item (e.g., Record a foam piece clearly from a cup, as a cup.)
- **Lobster traps and buoys are the private property of the fisherman and we are NOT allowed to remove them. Please tally these items, although you are not removing them.**
- Don't pick up dead animals or anything hazardous. Bring these items to the attention of a BOS staff member.
- If you see a marine mammal (e.g. a seal), tell BOS staff or call the local marine mammal hotline (1-800-532-9551 in ME, 603-997-9448 in NH).

Field Guide to (tricky) Marine Debris:



Hooksett disk:
Plastic round filter with grid. About 1.5 inches diameter.



Strapping band:
Top: closed- band still circular
Bottom: open- band has been cut



Zip-tie/cable tie:
Plastic fastener; may be open or closed



Latex vs. Mylar balloons:
Latex: rubber material
Mylar: foil material



Lobster bands:
Thick, small rubber bands

SUMMARY

Total Volunteers at Cleanup:

_____ Adults
_____ Children (under 12)
_____ Total Volunteers

Total Trash:

Total # Full Bags of Trash: _____
Total lbs. of Trash: _____

Items Collected

	Item:	Tally: Example: ### II = 7 <i>(Avoid words, only numbers are useful!)</i>	Total:		
PLASTIC	Bag (Grocery)				
	Bag (Trash)				
	Bag (zip-lock, produce, other)				
	Beverage bottles				
	Bottle caps				
	Film (thin/flexible e.g. straw wrapper)				
	Fishing line				
	Food containers				
	Hooksett disks				
	Nets (incl. bait bags)				
	Strapping bands	Open: <input style="width: 30px;" type="text"/> Closed: <input style="width: 30px;" type="text"/>			
	Straws				
	Wrappers				
	Zip ties (cable ties)				
	Non-beverage containers/bottles				
Other unk. plastic (larger than 10 cm)					
METAL	Beverage cans				
	Bottle caps				
	Other metal				
GLASS	Beverage bottles				
	Other glass				
FOAM	Cups				
	Floats/Buoys				
	Food containers				
	Packaging material				
MIXED MATERIALS	Balloons	Mylar: <input style="width: 30px;" type="text"/> Latex: <input style="width: 30px;" type="text"/>			
	Cigarette butts/filters				
	Dog Poop	Bagged: <input style="width: 30px;" type="text"/> Un-bagged: <input style="width: 30px;" type="text"/>			
	Lobster bands				
	Personal hygiene items				
	Rope (larger than 1 meter/yard)				
	Rope scraps (smaller than 1 m/yard.)				
	Syringes				
	Traps/pot pieces (do NOT remove)				
OTHER <i>(Add items not on the list)</i>					
Item:	Tally:	Total:	Item:	Tally:	Total:
FRAGMENTS					
	Smaller than 5 mm	5 mm – 2.5 cm	2.5 cm – 10 cm		
Foam Pieces	<input style="width: 30px;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 30px;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 30px;" type="text"/>		<input style="width: 30px;" type="text"/>
Glass Pieces	<input style="width: 30px;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 30px;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 30px;" type="text"/>		<input style="width: 30px;" type="text"/>
Plastic Pieces	<input style="width: 30px;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 30px;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 30px;" type="text"/>		<input style="width: 30px;" type="text"/>

