

# Washington CoastSavers: A Little History, A Big Future



Washington  
**CoastSavers**

# Grassroots Garbage Gang



Grass Roots  
Garbage  
Gang



## Washington Clean Coast Alliance, 2007





*Washington CoastSavers  
is an alliance of partners  
and volunteers dedicated  
to keeping the coast clean  
of marine debris through  
coordinated cleanups,  
education and  
prevention.*

# Goals of Washington CoastSavers:

- Remove or identify things that cause harm.
- Protect wildlife and habitat.
- Protect and maintain aesthetics.
- Encourage stewardship and conduct outreach programs.

# [www.coastsavers.org](http://www.coastsavers.org)

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### HELP CLEAN UP POINT GRENVILLE

We're excited to announce a special beach cleanup opportunity this summer. On July 27th, we will be partnering with the Quinault Indian Nation to clean the beach south of Point Grenville. This effort will be just days before hundreds of canoes land on the beach for the Paddle to Quinault event scheduled there for August 1-7. This beach is usually closed to non-tribal members so this is a rare opportunity for volunteers to access a very special place. Since the cleanup will be focused on an approximately two mile stretch of the beach, the number of volunteers will be limited to 50 people. Online signups open soon.

### WASHINGTON COAST CLEANUP 2013

Thanks to the many volunteers and partners who participated on April 20th, the Washington Coast Cleanup was huge success. Working together, over 1000 people picked up more than 15 tons of marine debris off the Pacific beaches of our state. Here are some pictures from the event that show the energy and ingenuity that goes into making our beaches cleaner and safer. Below: A four-year old tackles a giant piece of foam on Second Beach, while a couple gets creative in removing seven bags south of Ozette.



### MAKE A DONATION TODAY



Help us pay for heavy-duty garbage bags, disposal fees, signage, and other event supplies. Donate now through Discover Your Northwest.

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**UNDERSTANDING MARINE DEBRIS**

**What is Marine Debris?**  
Marine debris is any persistent, man-made or semi-man-made solid material that enters or enters the marine environment from land, air, or other vessels, and is not part of the natural environment.

**Where Does it Come From?**  
Marine debris can come from a variety of sources, including land-based activities, ships, and offshore structures.

**What are the Impacts?**  
Marine debris can have a variety of impacts on the environment, including harming marine life, damaging ecosystems, and affecting tourism and recreation.

**What You Can Do to Prevent Marine Debris**

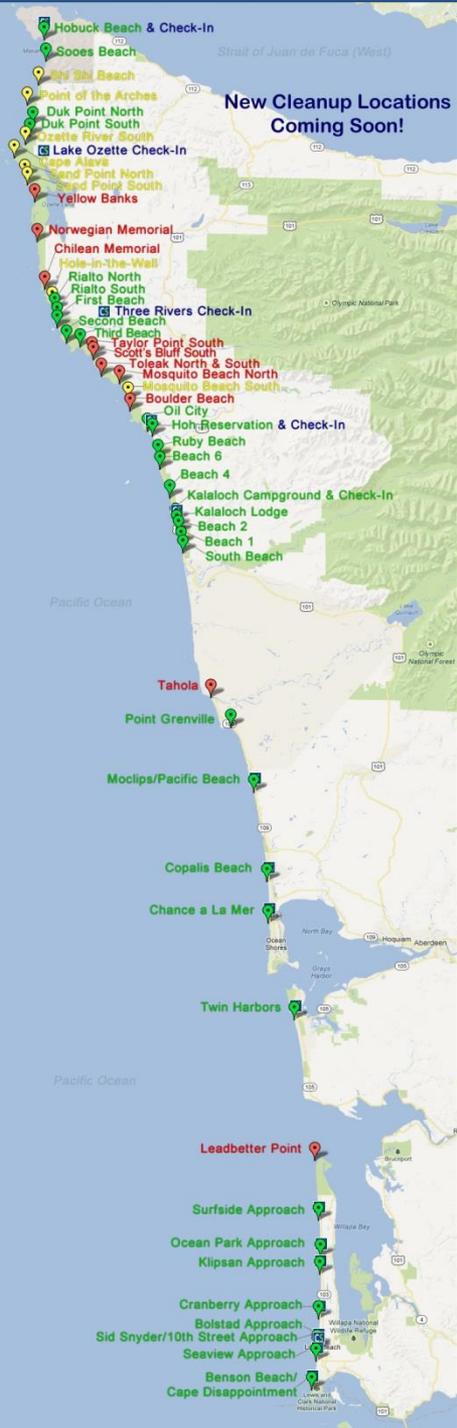


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2008-2012: Washington Coast Cleanup (WCC)

2013: added International Coastal Cleanup

2014: added Strait of Juan de Fuca beaches to WCC and ICC

2015: added July 5<sup>th</sup> Cleanup

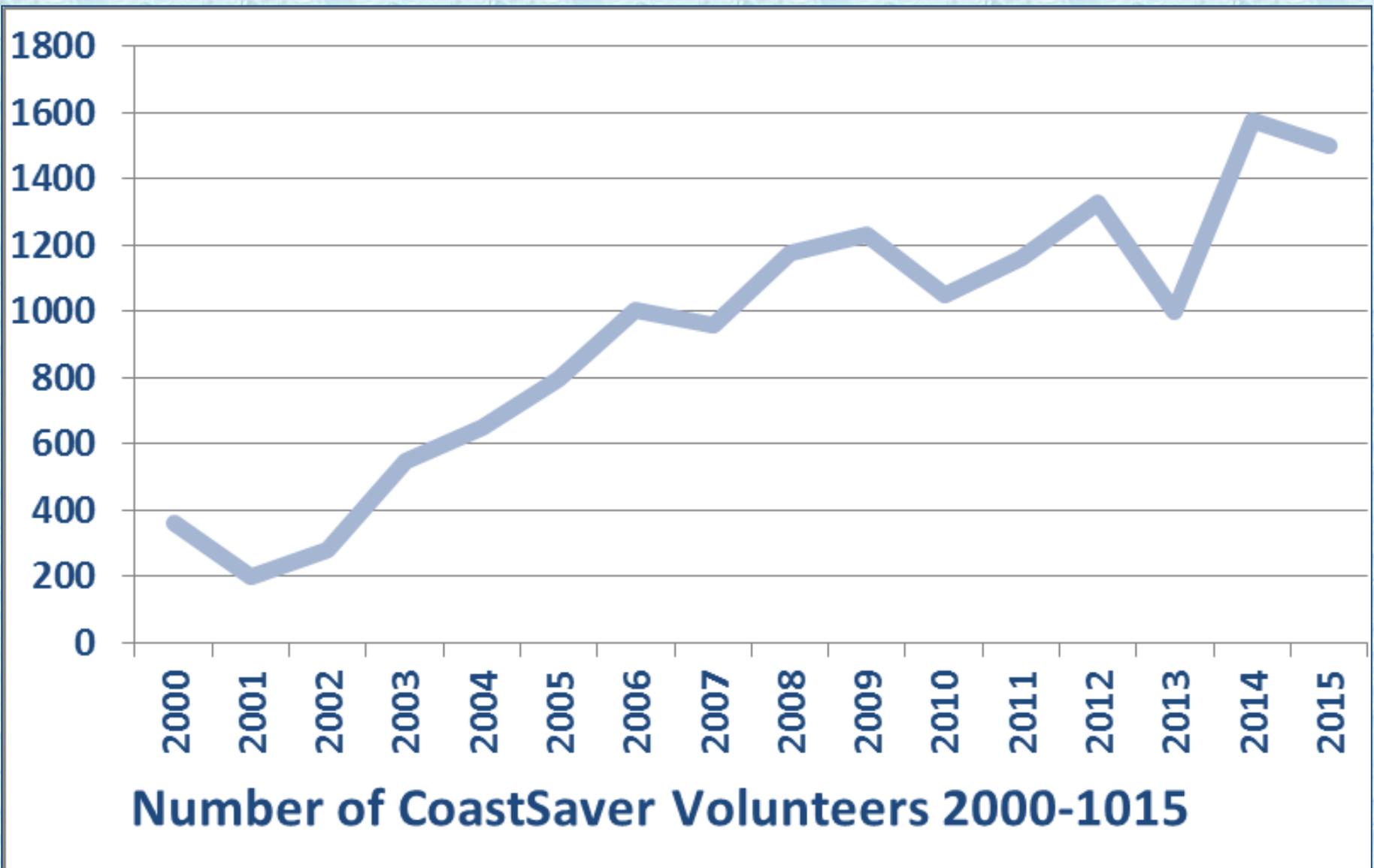


Beaches to be cleaned by volunteers on April 25



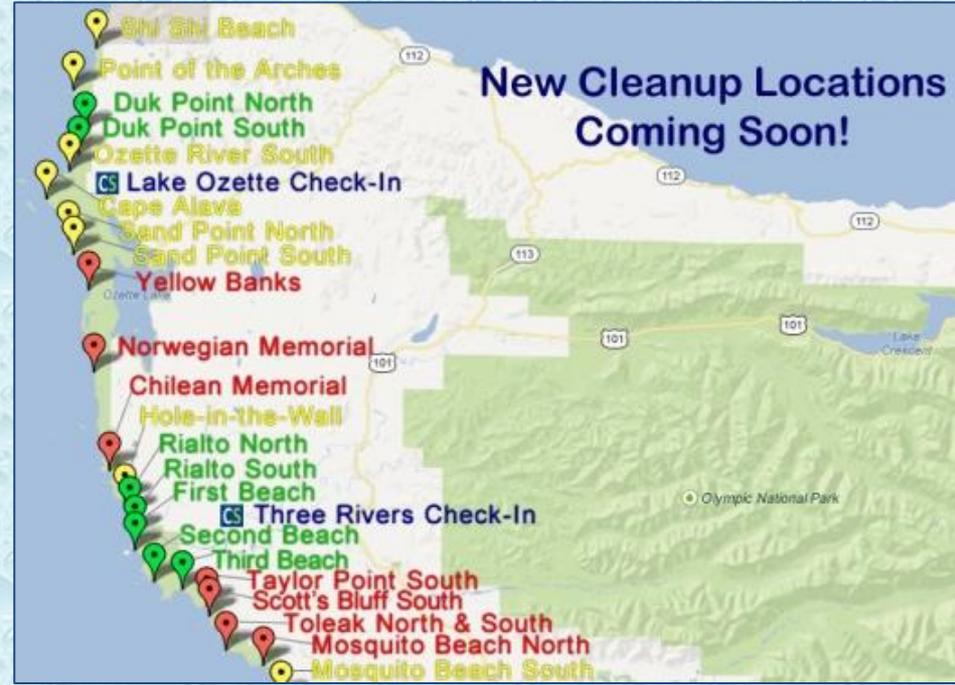
**CoastSavers = Volunteers!**





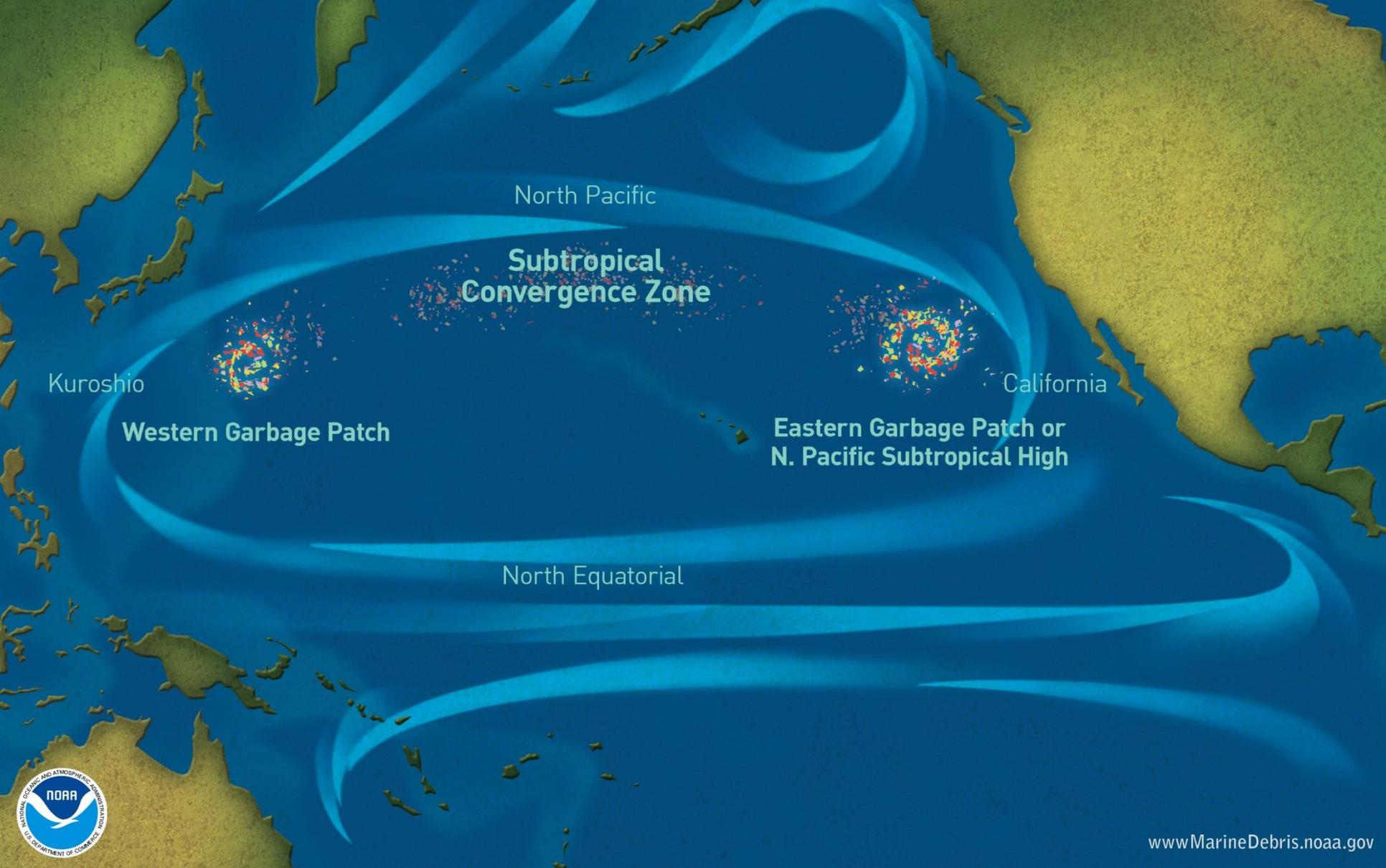
Estimated 375+ tons of debris removed since 2000.

# Washington Conservation Corps Veteran Crews



# International Collaboration





# Pacific Rim Cleanup: We're All Connected!

# A New Plan

Contact new groups each year to participate in "Adopt-A-Beach" program.

Diversify budget by growing corporate & private donations.

Research & Develop expectations & rewards "Adopt-A-Beach" Program.

Develop roles & duties for groups interested "Adopt-A-Beach" Program / different positions (ie Site Coo)

Conduct outreach & recruitment efforts by connecting with large groups / schools / organizations, etc.

Establish July 5th Cleanup in phases, minimizing park staff involvement. (ie South Coast, Reservations, etc.)

ide chats, talks, etc. for volunteers.

transit to provide vans to transport

- Partner across the Pacific
- to prevent waste entering the
- ocean and promote cleanups.

- Increase number of people reached annually via educational programs and displays about marine debris reduction and recycling.

- Leverage CoastSavers email addresses to build a community of practice focused on reducing marine debris (solution-based webinars, online presentations, solution blogs and leading by example at beach clean-ups).

age regional efforts to mitigate solid waste marine debris issues, support policy and commitment towards productivity.

- CoastSavers messaging:
- "keep it in your truck" campaign

- Identify primary CoastSaver audiences and articulate messaging for each.



**TOGETHER: September 19**

# Thank You

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