




# CLEAN OCEAN ADVOCATE

## Defending the Sea Since 1984

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**Keep the beaches and waterways clean this summer!**

### Transco's NESE Goes into Hiding

Just hours before the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection was to make a final decision on issuing essential permits that would have allowed filling of critical freshwater wetlands and polluting waterways, Williams Transco withdrew those applications. Transco claims to need to provide additional information, so they are going back to the drawing board. Notably, this announcement was made just two days after leading opposition groups met with key officials from Governor Murphy's staff about this monstrous project, which was organized by Food and Water Watch and NJ League of Conservation Voters.



Clean Ocean Action with other leading opposition groups at the June 19 meeting with Governor Murphy's staff

While this is a small victory, have no doubt Transco will likely be back with a vengeance. Now is the time to strengthen opposition to this project, including thousands of citizens, elected officials, and a network of many organizations.

To recap, the project would cut through the entire State of New Jersey, build a massive and polluting compressor station, and then slice in half the marine ecosystem from the Raritan River to the ocean off NY. The impact to marine life will be devastating from:

- re-suspension of 800,000 tons of toxin laden muck
- thousands of gallons of drilling muds spilling and cutting into the water
- noisy pile-driving

All this devastation for this \$1 billion project to allegedly bring an "incremental amount of gas" to New York City is a farce. COA believes this is a pipeline that will be used to build an offshore liquefied natural gas (LNG) port to in the region to export Marcellus Shale, exponentially increasing to fracking. Stay tuned for updates and ways to get involved.

### Polystyrene: Not in Our Schools

Polystyrene is a type of plastic material used to make a wide variety of consumer products from food containers to electronics and automobile parts. It is made from petroleum and is not biodegradable or recyclable. Last month, the state Senate passed a bill known as S1486 that "Prohibits sale of expanded polystyrene food containers by public schools and public institutions of higher education." The bill was then referred to the General Assembly Environment and Solid Waste Committee, where it awaits the final vote. If it passes through the committee, the bill will go to Governor Murphy's desk for final passage. As the fight against plastics has gained speed, this is a good first step for the Garden State to curb this plague of plastic pollution, and what better place to start than the foundation of our youth in schools.



Bill S1486 prohibits Styrofoam in NJ Schools

### Plastic Bag Fee is on the Horizon

Recently, the state legislature passed a bill that would require shoppers to pay a five-cent fee for each single-use paper and plastic bag used at most stores throughout the Garden State. With one-cent going back to the store, the remaining four-cents was to be directed to the "Healthy Schools and Community Lead Abatement Fund" to improving the poor quality of lead-infected waters and paint within schools. However, the current budget proposal will redirect the fees (which may total \$23 million) to the general fund. This bill also prevents municipalities from enacting their own ordinances on the sale of single-use plastic upon enactment. With the bill waiting on the actions of Governor Murphy, there is the possibility of a veto or a conditional veto to make some improvements.



NJ's Plastic bag bill would prevent municipalities from enacting their own ordinances on the sale of single-use plastic.

Registration is now open!  
September 15, 2018 • Asbury Park Boardwalk  
Sandy Paws Dog Walk Fur Clean Water




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### Mark Your Calendars!

#### Yoga Flow for the Ocean

July 7th, 10:30am  
Palette Gallery, Asbury Park, NJ



#### Beer & Bands Fundraiser at Beach Haus Brewery

Coming this July!  
Stay tuned for details.



#### Pinot's Palette Paint & BYOB Cocktails Benefit Night

July 26th, 7pm, Pinot's Palette in Red Bank, NJ

#### COA Sandy Paws Dog Walk Fur Clean Water

September 15th, Asbury Park Boardwalk, NJ

#### FREE Screenings of A Plastic Ocean on LBI!

##### July 12, 6pm

Harvey Cedars High Point  
Volunteer Fire Dept.

##### July 19, 6pm

Long Beach Island Foundation  
of the Arts & Sciences

##### August 15, 8pm

Faria's Surf & Sport

##### October 20, 12:30pm

Ship Bottom Fire House



The "Plastic Bag Monster" (right) at the Beach Haven Screening of "A Plastic Ocean". The costume is made up of 365 plastic bags - the average amount used annually by a U.S. citizen. Currently, there is a plastic bag ban in the works for Beach Haven.

Photo courtesy of Joe Reynolds

## Tributes

### In Memory of:

Barbara Woolson Dillon  
Delores and Samuel Karinja  
Albert McNamara  
Carol Anne Ross

### In Honor of:

Caryn Berman and Brian Thompson's Wedding  
Goldie Maris Oppelt, Welcome to the World  
Milo Vetter, Happy Birthday  
Cindy Zipf

**Support COA through the Tribute program or shop AmazonSmile and choose COA!**

# PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

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## Sandy Paws Dog Walk Fur Clean Water Returns to the Asbury Boardwalk on September 15!

Mark your calendars! Clean Ocean Action's Sandy Paws is coming back to Asbury Park and other satellite locations on September 15th! Grab your favorite furry friend and join us as we walk 'fur' clean water. We are excited to announce that registration for the 4th Annual Sandy Paws event is now live. To register your pup, head to [COASandyPaws.org](http://COASandyPaws.org), register your k-9 compadre and begin raising funds fur clean water!

If you are interested in joining the planning committee or you know of a local business that would benefit from getting involved as a vendor or sponsor, please contact Spencer at [programs@cleanoceanaction.org](mailto:programs@cleanoceanaction.org) to learn more.



Stella Bujold was named "Top Dog" at the 2017 Sandy Paws for raising the most funds for clean water



A superhero for clean water at the 2017 Sandy Paws Costume Contest

Visit [COASandyPaws.org](http://COASandyPaws.org) and register your pup today!

## Pinot's Palette Benefit Night

Come out to Pinot's Palette on Thursday, July 26th and experience the Moonshine! This will be an unforgettable night with good friends, fun painting, drinks and support for the ocean. A portion of the sales from this event will be donated to Clean Ocean Action to help support our vital programs. What more could you ask for? The Moonshine event will take place from 7pm - 9 pm at Pinot's Palette in Red Bank.



Join COA at Pinot's Palette on Thursday, July 26th at 7pm for the "Moonshine" benefit for the ocean!

## Welcome, Zack Karvelas!

Please welcome Zack Karvelas, who is the latest D.W. Bennett Fellow for Coastal Advocacy. The Fellowship honors Dery Bennett who was the instigator of Clean Ocean Action, and was a remarkable coastal advocate who spearheaded the American Littoral Society for decades. His leadership was renowned and his impact on ocean and coastal protection is still making waves.

Zack previously worked as the Field Intern for Oceana and helped organize against federal plans for offshore oil and gas drilling. Zack is a graduate of Monmouth University where he majored in Communications with a concentration in Journalism and Public Relations. While living on the coast, he became inspired to advocate for clean and healthy waterways. Aside from fighting for the environment, Zack likes to capture his natural surroundings and wildlife through his photography. He can be reached at [ZKarvelas@CleanOceanAction.org](mailto:ZKarvelas@CleanOceanAction.org).



Zack Karvelas, COA's D.W. Bennett Fellow for Coastal Advocacy.

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## Navesink River Water Quality Monitoring Program Kicks off Year Two

The morning of Wednesday, June 6 marked Week 52 of the Navesink River Water Quality Monitoring Program, which means that a full year of water quality sampling has been completed and over 900 water samples have been collected. The following evening, four citizen science volunteers and two COA interns were trained in water quality sampling protocol by Bill Heddendorf (NJDEP) at Red Bank Library.

The following Wednesday, June 13 marked the first week of sampling in Year two of the program, which also meant adjustments to sampling locations. Four additional sites are now included in the water quality sampling: two in Rumson and two in Red Bank. The changes to the sampling locations will allow COA and NJDEP staff to better identify sources of pollution in the Navesink River.



Four citizen science volunteers and two COA interns at the June 7 water sampling training

Save the date for the next Rally for the Navesink Meeting on July 26th, 6:30pm at Bingham Hall in Rumson!



Management of Federal Lands and Waters Act". NJ Governor Murphy co-led a letter from the states of CT, NC, and VA rejecting the bill. Stay tuned for updates. Waves of thanks to our leaders!

On June 14, 2018 Republicans in US House of Representatives proposed a legislative scheme that would force any state that passes legislation banning offshore drilling ( aka, New Jersey) to pay heavy penalties. The bill has been labeled "blackmail" and an attack against "state's rights" by elected leaders across the country. NJ's bipartisan Congressional Delegation immediately slapped down the bill with a united letter against the proposed legislation, brazenly entitled, "Enhancing State

## Make a Difference with Your Company

Corporate Beach Sweep Dates are available this summer!

Application and available cleanup dates for the program held at Sandy Hook can be found at [CleanOceanAction.org](http://CleanOceanAction.org) or by contacting Spencer at [programs@CleanOceanAction.org](mailto:programs@CleanOceanAction.org).

## Delaware Sweeps Reveal Extent of Plastic Plague

Clean Ocean Action's Delaware Sweeps program, initiated in 2016, continues to target litter accumulation "hot-spots" along the tidal portions of the Delaware River in an effort to reduce land-based sources of pollution. Compared to average Beach Sweeps data, these Delaware sites often have much higher percentages of plastic, and the most recent Delaware Sweep was no exception. At the cleanup held on June 16 along Lambertson Road in Trenton, 13 volunteers removed 2,525 pieces of debris. Of that debris, over 96% was comprised of plastic. Among the most common items (plastic beverage bottles and foam pieces), volunteers also uncovered more unusual items including a Christmas ornament, gas tank, cable box, bike pedal, and lawn mower.



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# OUTREACH & EDUCATION

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## Summer Fun with Ocean Advocacy and Education



Jess Sibert, a "Be the Sea Change" storyteller, at a recent presentation at the Belmar Library.

Beat the heat this summer at local libraries with Clean Ocean Action's "Be the Sea Change" program during story hour! All are welcome to attend! Call your local library directly for more information and the recommended ages for each story hour.

## Be the Sea Change Library Schedule

### Oceanport Library

July 12, 4:00 - 4:45

### Asbury Park Library

July 20, 2:00 - 3:00

### Marlboro Library

July 26, 4:00 - 4:45

### Neptune Public Library

July 27, 3:45 - 4:45

### Little Silver Library

July 31, 3:30 - 4:30

### Ocean Township Public Library

August 1, 4:15 - 5:15

### Freehold Public Library

August 16, 3:30 - 4:30



...when you and your Brownie friends find a big rope at your troop's Beach Sweep! Rumson Brownie Troop #571