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July 2013 Highlights

www.CleanOceanAction.org

1. Attend LNG public hearing.
2. Volunteer to help your ocean at a festival near you this summer.
3. Visit ForTheShore.org to participate in the next Waves of Action.
4. Support COA's work at www.CleanOceanAction.org

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Help our ocean! Volunteers can sign-up for an entire event or a shorter portion of time.

Barnegat Bay Day
Long Beach Island Foundation Grounds
Friday, July 5th, 12pm-4pm

Chapel Beach Club - Sea Bright
Saturday, July 6th, 10am-2pm
Sunday, July 7th, 10am-2pm

Ship Ahoy Beach Club - Sea Bright
Saturday, July 6th, 10am-2pm
Sunday, July 7th, 10am-2pm

Bradley Beach Lobster Fest
Saturday, July 13th, 11am-9pm
Sunday, July 14th, 11am-6pm

Sea Bright Public Beach
Saturday, July 13th, 10am-2pm
Sunday, July 14th, 10am-2pm

Monmouth Beach Bathing Pavilion
Saturday, July 13th, 10am-2pm
Sunday, July 14th, 10am-2pm

Film One Fest - Atlantic Highlands
Saturday, July 20th, 7pm-11pm

Breakwater Beach Club - Long Branch
Saturday, July 20th, 10am-2pm
Sunday, July 21st, 10am-2pm

Elberon Bathing Club - Long Branch
Saturday, July 27th, 10am-2pm
Sunday, July 28th, 10am-2pm

TRIBUTES



In Honor of Lauren Ramsay
In Honor of Janine Karoly
In Memory of Margaret VanVechten

JUNE 22 WAVE OF ACTION



Volunteers in Aberdeen

On June 22nd, Clean Ocean Action's Waves of Action For The Shore continued with hundreds of dedicated volunteers working on projects focused on keeping waterways clean. Fourteen projects including native plant gardening; shoreline, park, beach, and community cleanups; and educational events about environmentally friendly houses, rain gardens, rain barrels, and stormwater management took place.



Artist Lisa Bagwell with her turtle made from found beach debris

Many thanks to the organizations involved with the June 22nd Wave of Action:

- Alliance for a Living Ocean
- Island Heights Environmental Commission
- Middlesex County Parks and Recreation
- Monmouth County Watershed Ambassador Program
- Monmouth Museum
- Neighborhood Housing Services of Staten Island
- New Jersey Audubon's Nature Center of Cape May
- NJ Windsurfing and Watersports Association
- Philadelphia Chapter of Sea Shepherd USA
- Save Barnegat Bay
- Shark River Clean-Up Coalition
- Wreck Pond Watershed Regional Stormwater Management Committee

CALL TO ACTION! LIBERTY LNG - TURN OUT TO SAY NO

On June 14, the US Maritime Administration (MARAD) announced Liberty LNG's application for "Port Ambrose," an LNG facility 13 miles from Sandy Hook and 17 miles south of Jones Beach, NY. The project is the exact same proposal that was vetoed by New Jersey's Governor Chris Christie in 2011 with a different location and a new name. The project, if licensed, would allow both exports and imports of natural gas, resulting in accelerated hydro-fracking in the region and higher energy costs. The project boasts that it would create only 6-10 permanent jobs. "This is a bad science fiction movie," said Cindy Zipf, Executive Director of Clean Ocean Action. "The Liberty Natural Gas tanker project was dead - Governor Christie vetoed this proposal in 2011. Liberty has crawled out of the grave to violate our ocean, citizens and shore economies at a time when New Jersey and New York are focused on restoring our shore from Superstorm Sandy. Liberty Natural Gas is trying to take advantage of our weakened state to jam this project through—it's hard to image a more deplorable corporate tactic. We may be down, but we will fight."

Following the Notice of Application, the federal government released information on only two hearings open to the public for citizens to voice their opinion on the proposal, with no hearing on the Jersey Shore. Turn out is needed and strongly encouraged for concerned citizens, homeowners, businesses, civic and community organizations, swimmers, divers, fisherman, boaters, beachgoers and anyone else who will be adversely affected to attend these hearings and take a stand against big energy.

The hearings to **STOP OCEAN INDUSTRIALIZATION** are:

Tuesday, July 9th

Allegria Hotel
80 West Broadway, Long Beach, NY
Open House: 4:30-5:30;
Hearing: 6pm-8pm

Wednesday, July 10

NJ Convention and Expo Center
97 Sunfield Ave, Edison, NJ
Open House: 4:30-5:30;
Hearing: 6pm-8pm

Clean Ocean Action is hosting a **Citizens' Hearing on the Jersey Shore on Thursday, July 11**, under the tent on Sea Bright Public Beach from 6pm to 8pm. The event will be preceded by an informational open house from 4:30pm to 5:30pm.

These hearings are the one and only chance to stand-up to this project and have hundreds of voices heard in opposition to LNG Offshore. We must keep the waters off New York and New Jersey wild and free from LNG.

The public comment period is open until Sunday, July 14th, 2013. To submit comments, please review instructions from the federal register:

Docket submissions for USCG-2013-0363 should be addressed to: Department of Transportation, Docket Management Facility, West Building, Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590-0001. The Facility telephone number is 202-366-9329, fax is 202-493-2251, and the website for electronic submissions or for electronic access to docket contents is <http://www.regulations.gov>. For further information about public comment information contact: Roddy Bachman, U.S. Coast Guard, telephone: 202-372-1451, email: Roddy.C.Bachman@uscg.mil, or Tracey Ford, Maritime Administration, telephone: 202-366-0321, email: Tracey.Ford@dot.gov.

For information about the issue, call Sean Dixon at COA (732) 872-0111.

CITIZEN ACTION

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COA Rallies in Support of Fracking Wastewater Ban

On Thursday, June 20, 2013, Clean Ocean Action joined over 150 concerned citizens and several organizations in Trenton for a fracking wastewater ban march and rally.

In June of 2012, the New Jersey legislature passed a ban on the storage and disposal of fracking wastewater in New Jersey, which was subsequently vetoed by Governor Christie in September 2012. Since then, over 160 organizations have collected 17,000 petition signatures and held local in-district rallies in support of an override of Governor Christie's veto.

Clean Ocean Action supports the fracking wastewater ban to protect waterways and ultimately the ocean from the direct discharge of heavy metal-contaminated and chemically-hazardous waste to be discharged into the same waters we use for drinking, fishing, and swimming.



Corporate Volunteers Give Back at Sandy Hook Beaches

Response to Superstorm Sandy has not dampened the spirits of participants from collecting litter in Corporate Beach Sweeps. Corporate volunteer opportunities range from a traditional "Beach Sweep" where volunteers become citizen scientists to collect debris and record data, to a scavenger hunt where the company divides into two groups that are challenged to create different types of creative structures from the debris collected. With so much unusual debris washing up on the bay beaches on Sandy Hook, corporate volunteers have come up with some whacky designs and sculptures like a turtle, using a large piece of debris as the shell!

So far this summer, Clean Ocean Action has hosted Ingredion, Siemens Corporation, Wiss and Company, Citrix Online, BASF, McKinsey, with many more corporations on the books for the summer. Corporate Sweeps are the perfect teambuilding activity, taking your team from the office to the beach and giving back to the community and environment.

Corporations wishing to participate in Clean Ocean Action's Corporate Beach Sweeps or Corporate Scavenger Hunt can contact Zach at 732-872-0111, e-mail at citizens@cleanoceanaction.org, or online at cleanoceanaction.org.

SCIENCE AND POLICY

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COA Testified Against Harmful Drilling Bill

On Tuesday, June 11, 2013, COA's Coastal Policy Attorney Sean Dixon testified before Congress to ask legislators to block a proposed bill which would open the Atlantic Ocean – and other areas – to offshore oil and gas drilling. The bill, H.R. 2231, was being heard before the House of Representatives' Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, a subgroup of the Natural Resources Committee. If passed, the bill also would eliminate one vital aspect of the environmental review of drilling proposals: the consideration of the value of not drilling (a "no-action" alternative).

Sean Dixon's testimony focused on the existing economies of the ocean, explaining to Congress that the value of the beaches, boardwalks, businesses, fisheries, and commerce of the Atlantic Ocean – and specifically the NY/NJ Bight – is critically important to the economy. Dixon highlighted the \$6 billion in associated income generated in Mid Atlantic fisheries, \$11 billion in sales of fish in NY and NJ, and 166,000 jobs that the Mid Atlantic Fisheries sustain.

In addition, tourism and recreation economies would be put at risk by expanding offshore drilling to the Atlantic. Two-thirds of NJ's state economy is driven by coastal tourism, Florida's ports, tourism, and wildlife industries support 2.2 million jobs, and Virginia tourists which account for over 200,000 people. These jobs, economies, and incomes are all directly at risk from offshore oil – a tragedy the world saw unfold in 2010's BP Deepwater Horizon oil disaster in the Gulf.

Sean Dixon's testimony can be viewed here (<http://goo.gl/Cf0FL>; it begins about 28 minutes into the video). H.R. 2231, despite opposition in the committee, passed committee and was released to the full House.

Jersey Shore Boating Season Open

Jersey Shore's waters are now open for boating, as the state continues to remove debris from NJ's waterways. Since early March, state-hired contractors have been removing floating and submerged debris from Bergen to Cape May Counties, as well as, in Delaware Bay. Additionally, NJDOT is aerially marking locations needing clean-up and ensuring the safety of state channels.

Even with these clean-up efforts, boaters should use caution when traveling through NJ's waterways for shifting debris and shallow shoals. Boaters should call 1-877-WARN DEP if they observe debris or shoaling while traveling on state waters.

Unfortunately, as of the first of June, half of the state's pumpout facilities are closed due to Superstorm Sandy damage and repairs are underway. Boat sewage degrades the water quality of waterways and can be harmful to human health. Many coastal areas have been designated as 'No Discharge Zones,' preventing the dumping of treated and untreated sewage. It is also illegal to dump untreated sewage within 3 miles of any shoreline. In order to help protect water quality, please use pumpout facilities. For information about pumpout locations and to report a closed facility please call the NJ Marine Trades Association at 732-292-1051.

Pricing at pumpout facilities vary throughout the state, but free pumpouts are available. NY/NJ Baykeeper runs two free pumpout boats, twice a week, in Jamaica Bay and the northern Bayshore region. For more information please call the Baykeeper office at 732-888-9870 ext 1.

Ocean County also provides four free pumpouts in Barnegat Bay. Their boats are in service Friday through Monday from 10:00am to 6:00pm and can be contacted on the Marine VHF Radio Channel 9 by identifying the boat, its location, and service requested. Ocean County's boats are as follows: Circle of Life and Water Warrior, Borough of Seaside Park, 732-793-3700; Waste Watcher and Bay Sweeper, Tuckerton Seaport, 609-296-8868; and Bay Saver, Brick Township, 732-262-1085.

EVENTS



Glenwood School Art Students Help Support COA

Students from Millburn, New Jersey's K-5 Glenwood School created sea life themed artwork out of repurposed and reused materials. Students used old boxes of wine to create jewelry boxes and old plastic bags to create jellyfish. The students then held a Sea Life themed art show, auctioning pieces and donated the proceeds to the Marine Mammal Stranding Center and Clean Ocean Action. Thank you, Glenwood School students!

COA WELCOMES NEW STAFF

Clean Ocean Action welcomes **Diana Reinhardt Paradis as the Manager of Development and External Affairs**. She has experience working on Vice President Al Gore's presidential campaign, as well as working for Hillary Clinton in 1999 as a Lead Advance and Press Advance. Diana has also served as manager of the Women's Committee of the Central Park Conservancy and a consultant for Greenvale Strategies, a for-profit firm that matches clients with non-profits to advance their corporate social responsibility programs. Diana holds a BA in Communications and Media Studies from Fordham University and an MS in Nonprofit Management from Milano The New School for Management and Urban Policy. She has been a member of the Association of Fundraising Professionals since 2010. Diana can be contacted at development@cleanoceanaction.org.



Catie Tobin, recent May 2013 graduate of Quinnipiac University, joins COA as the Ocean Advocacy and Education Fellow. She has a degree in biology and has studied the environmental impacts of pollutants, BBP and acetone on a local fish species. Catie also interned at the Dolphin Communication Project in Stonington, CT, researching social behavior.

Jaime Frungillo comes to COA as the Restore the Shore Intern for the summer of 2013. She has a BA in Marine Science from Boston University and is currently pursuing her Masters in Coastal Environmental Management at Duke University. Since starting her internship with COA, Jaime has been working mainly with COA's Staff Scientist on science and policy issues.

