



**NROC Meeting: May 4, 2022**  
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# 2022 GOMC Awards Program

## Call for Nominations

- Several categories of awards - individuals, business/industry, governmental officials, organizations, volunteers, communities
- Making a difference in the Gulf of Maine
  - Nova Scotia
  - New Brunswick
  - Maine
  - New Hampshire
  - Massachusetts



# 2022 GOMC Awards Program Call for Nominations

- Nominations Due: May 31, 2022
- Awards Ceremony: July 28, 2022, Portland, ME
- Details about award categories and nomination forms available here:

<http://www.gulfofmaine.org/public/gulf-of-maine-council-on-the-marine-environment/awards/>



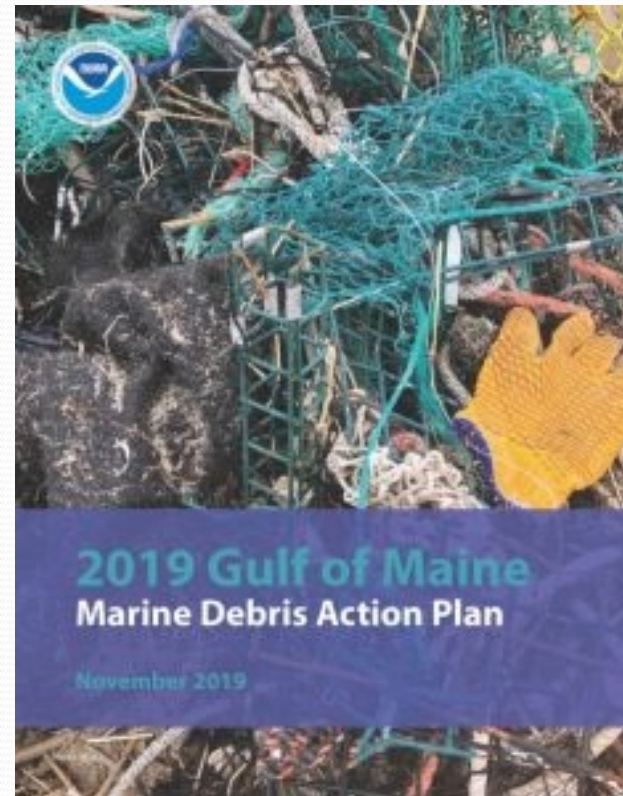
# Regional Collaboration to Address Marine Debris in the Gulf of Maine

## Funding:

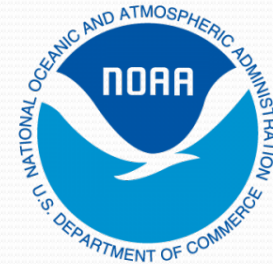
- NOAA: \$367,839
- Match: \$448,158

## Two-Year Project:

- October 2021 – September 2023



# Excellent US / Canada Partnership



URBAN HARBORS INSTITUTE  
UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS BOSTON



+ Nova Scotia Beach Garbage Awareness  
and many other regional and local partners

# Highlights Since October 2021

- Conducted 105 coastal cleanups
- Engaged 720 volunteers
- Removed 7,774 pounds of debris from coastal sites located throughout Gulf of Maine



# Highlights since October 2021

- Collected 5,500 lbs. of discarded fishing related rope to recycle or repurpose
- Hosted workshops to promote creative reuse



# Highlights since October 2021

- Helped identify, raise awareness, and remove unidentified yellow plastic shock tubing from coastal areas in MA and other Gulf of Maine areas
- Worked with US ACE to identify and address problem



*Marine debris collaboration enabled coordination of a regional response throughout Gulf of Maine*

# Outreach / Education

- Signed up 7 new ocean friendly restaurants
- Outreach to 3,435 recreational boaters at NE Boat show
- Educated 112 students



# Social Media & Project Website



Project Website: <http://www.gulfofmaine.org/public/marine-debris/>  
Follow us on Twitter: <https://twitter.com/gomdebris>