Gulf of Maine Council on the Marine Environment
Canada and the United States working together for a healthy environment

NROC Meeting: May 4, 2022
Prassedde Vella, MA CZM | GOMC Working Group
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
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- Nominations Due: May 31, 2022
- Awards Ceremony: July 28, 2022, Portland, ME
- Details about award categories and nomination forms available here:
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

+ 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/
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