

# Lost Fishing Gear Recovery Project

## 2018 Update

In 2017, for the second year, the North Carolina General Assembly allocated \$100,000 to clean up lost crab pots statewide in January 2018.



*"We are out working on the water almost every day and make a living off the sound. It takes care of us so we want to take care of it."*

-John Silver, Wanchese

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76 watermen removed 3,496 crab pots

Figure: Number of watermen hired per marine patrol district.



Photo by Bill Birkmeier

In January, 138 volunteers removed an estimated 1.7 tons of marine debris during three shoreline cleanups.



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