

Lost Fishing Gear Recovery Project

2019 Update

In 2018, for the third year, the North Carolina General Assembly allocated \$100,000 to clean up lost crab pots statewide in January 2019.



"Being on the water nearly every day as a full time commercial fisherman, it's important to remove the lost pots and keep our waters clean and safe."

-Chad Hemilright, D1 waterman

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78 watermen and women removed 3,112 crab pots.

Figure: Number of fishers hired per marine patrol district.



In January, 122 volunteers removed an estimated 6.5 tons of marine debris during three shoreline cleanups.



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