



Ocean Friendly Establishment Restaurant Agreement

By signing below, I acknowledge that I am an owner or designated signee of the listed establishment and **agree the establishment will only serve straws upon request. This agreement covers single-use disposable straws made of plastic, biodegradable, and/or compostable materials.** I understand this is an effort to protect the environment by reducing single-use disposable products and plastic pollution.

I accept the Ocean Friendly Establishment certification as given by Plastic Ocean Project, INC, NC Aquariums & Jennette's Pier and North Carolina Coastal Federation. I also agree to be listed as an Ocean Friendly Establishment on the websites and social media pages of these organizations.

I understand that volunteers may follow up with me, either by email or by visiting the establishment, to offer support for my ongoing commitment as being "ocean friendly". I have been informed that I may request volunteers to provide brief educational presentations for my staff and me.

I understand that if non-compliance with this agreement becomes a consistent and long-term pattern, OFE representatives reserve the right to remove my establishment from their websites and social media pages.

Name of Establishment (as you would like it to appear on certificate)

Address/City/Zip

Email

Phone

Printed name of owner/designee

Owner/designee Signature

Date



As a certified OFE, you have the opportunity to earn our highest rating as a 5-star establishment! Please indicate your rating by checking each criterion that represents your establishment below.

Basic Certification:

Straws are offered only upon request

Star Levels:

- 1 *star = 2-3 criteria
- 2 **stars = 4-5 criteria
- 3 ***stars = 6-7 criteria
- 4 ****stars = 8 -9 criteria
- 5 *****stars = 10 or more criteria

- Provides paper or non-plastic straws and stirrers when/if straws or stirrers are requested
- " Straws only offered upon request" policy is prominently advertised in establishment (ex: printed on menu) *this is in addition to OFE certificate being displayed*
- No single use condiments provided to customers in establishment
- No Styrofoam provided to customers
- No beverages sold in plastic bottles
- Convert from plastic or disposable cutlery and dishware to reusable for onsite dining
- Provides reusable ramekins for onsite dining
- Provides Vegetarian and/or Vegan menu options on a regular basis
- Provides proper recycling and/or composting bins for customers
- Provides discounts or incentives for customers who bring reusable cups/mugs and/or bags
- Provides non-plastic recyclable or biodegradable to-go beverage containers
- Provides non-plastic recyclable or biodegradable to-go bags
- Provides non-plastic recyclable or biodegradable to-go food containers
- Provides non-plastic recyclable or biodegradable to-go cutlery
- Provides disposable to-go cutlery *upon request only.*
- Composts discarded food
- Air dryers in bathrooms
- Establishment participates in adopt a beach access or highway program or participates in organized cleanups
- Provides ample and accessible cigarette receptacles for customers and employees
- Other

(e.g. oyster shell recycling, sources locally and sustainable foods, etc.)

Congratulations! You have earned _____ stars! We will indicate your rating on our websites. Please contact us if your star level changes.

OFE Volunteer Name/Signature

Date

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