

**Marine Debris Action Plan Workshops for Local Governments:
With a focus on Abandoned & Derelict Vessels and Resilient Docks & Piers**

Wilmington:

- Date: Friday, August 28
- Time: 9:00am - 2:00pm
- Location: New Hanover County Government Center, [230 Government Center Dr. Wilmington, NC 28403](#) - GC Multipurpose Room 137 + GC Conference Room 139

Washington:

- Date: Tuesday, September 15
- Time: 9:00am - 2:00pm
- Location: Hearing Room, Washington Regional Office, NC DEQ, [943 Washington Square Mall, Washington, NC 27889](#)

Free workshops with lunch and refreshments provided; full or partial mileage reimbursements may be available.

Workshop Target Audience: local governments, agency partners, marine contractors, engineers, community leaders and other interested individuals.

Workshop Purpose: The NC Marine Debris Action Plan workshops will provide local governments in the 20 coastal counties with resources for implementing an inspection program for residential dock and piers, and for developing and implementing a program/ordinance for abandoned and derelict vessels (ADV).

The workshops will provide participants with opportunities to learn about and discuss:

- Incorporating Resilient Residential Docks and Piers into local building codes
- Addressing ADVs through ordinances, the state program and accessing support
- Engagement opportunities through the N.C. Marine Debris Action Plan: 2026-30
- Resources, guides and “Tool-Kits” for adopting and implementing their own programs

Panel discussions will feature local and regional stakeholders sharing real-world experiences, implementation challenges, lessons learned, and opportunities for continued collaboration.

Continuing education credits:

- American Institute of Certified Planners, 4 Certification Maintenance credits: Wilmington, ID 9332178; Washington, ID 9332180
- Certificate of Participation, 4 hours, provided to self-file for other professional credits such as engineer PDHs

Hosted by the N.C. Coastal Federation and the N.C. Coastal Reserve. These workshops are made possible through the support of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Marine Debris Program and the National Marine Sanctuary Foundation.

Agenda

Time	Item
9:00am	Check in & light refreshments
9:30am	Welcome & Introductions
9:45am	NC Marine Debris Action Plan Objective: Participants will learn about the 2026-30 NC Marine Debris Action Plan; and resources and opportunities for engagement
10:15am	Docks and Piers Inclusion in Building Code and Resources Objective: Participants will learn about inclusion of residential docks and piers in local building codes: Tool-Kit, resources, Docks & Piers Guide
11:00am	15-Minute Break
11:15am	Docks and Piers Panel Discussion Objective: Participants will hear from stakeholders, their experiences with implementation of new building codes related to docks and piers
12:00pm	Lunch provided
12:45pm	Abandoned and Derelict Vessel (ADV) Removal and Disposal Program Update Objectives: • Participants will learn about the status of NC's ADV removal and disposal program: progress towards state level permanent program, Tool-Kit, need for long-term recurring funding. • Participants will learn how they can support legislative initiatives
1:10pm	Abandoned and Derelict Vessel Removal and Disposal Panel Discussion Objective: Participants will hear from stakeholders, their experiences with removal and disposal of ADVs
1:55pm	Next Steps & Action Items
2:00pm	Adjourn