

# **Report to the North Carolina Governor**

## *Annual Litter Report*

**February 1, 2024**

**Submitting Agency:**

Department of Environmental Quality, Division of Marine Fisheries

**Statutory Authority:**

Pursuant to G.S. 147-12(b)

### **Division of Marine Fisheries – Marine Patrol**

From January through December 31, 2023, Marine Patrol officers issued 2 citations and 2 warnings for littering violations. Marine Patrol officers attributed 393 hours to this effort. In 2022, Marine Patrol officers issued 3 citations and 1 warning for a total of 4 littering cases expending 289 hours.

The North Carolina Marine Patrol concentrated its litter enforcement on coastal waters this year. The number of littering violations remained the same as the previous year.

#### **Marine Patrol Citation Recap:**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Littering Citations</b>	<b>Littering Warnings</b>	<b>Time Spent</b>
<b>2023</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>393 hours</b>
<b>2022</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>289 hours</b>
<b>2021</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>314 hours</b>
<b>2020</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>334 hours</b>
<b>2019</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>300 hours</b>
<b>2018</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>240 hours</b>