



# Steps to Organize a **LOCAL DERELICT TRAP REMOVAL EVENT**

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- Read Frequently Asked Questions and Application.
- Watch video.
- Read sample budget.
- Read Manual.

**CALL THE FWC DIVISION OF MARINE FISHERIES MANAGEMENT 850-487-0554 TO**

- Get on radar.
- Get contact info for trap clean up coordinators/resources in your geographic area.
- Start application process.

## IDENTIFY TARGET AREA

- Determine clean up area by asking local contacts, going on water and/or flying over area.
- Select boat ramp/staging area.

## SELECT A DATE

- The best time for an event is during the closure of trap fisheries in your area.
- Pay attention to tides and seasonal weather patterns.
- Consider avoiding high boating activity days.
- Select a back up date.

## RECRUIT VOLUNTEERS AND VESSELS

- Local crabbers, agency employees and/or fisherman.
- Ensure volunteers understand expectation.
- Cleanup and support vessels: 8-10 vessels.



## PLAN YOUR EVENT

- Dumpster.
- Landfill.
- Park or boat ramp authorization.
- Inform law enforcement and ask for on water assistance.
- Purchase/secure donations for snacks and water.
- Cleanup Equipment - gloves, shovel, hook, wire cutters, binoculars etc.
- Vessel Safety Equipment - life vests, 1<sup>st</sup> aid kits.
- FWC Application/Maps/Authorization.
- Program promotion (Media & Stakeholder).
- Boat assignments - 3 participants per boat.
- Complete float plan - cellphone and vessel FL#s.
- Assemble books - waterproof paper.
- Communicate with volunteers.
- 48 hours prior to event contact the FWC regional communication center - phone number provided on FWC authorization.

## DAY OF EVENT

- Orientation - Boat assignments, Location assignments, derelict trap Rules and data collection.
- Trap Disposal.
- Food.

## AFTER EVENT

- Report to FWC.
- Report to volunteers.

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