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Dear Reader,

Thank you for your participation and continuing interest in Washington Coast Cleanup Day.

I am writing to you today to invite you to join hundreds of volunteers for the annual Washington Coast Cleanup to be held on April 26, 2008. The purpose of this ever growing community event is to remove marine debris from Washington's beautiful and ecologically sensitive coastline. Plastic water bottles, fishing nets, tires, and all kinds of other items harmful to the environment wash up on Washington's beaches all year and need to be removed before they cause irreparable damage to countless marine mammals, fish, plants, and birds. Last year, over 800 volunteers removed approximately 23 tons of debris!

Please note that, although the format and process for this year's event will be about the same as they have been in recent years, the annual cleanup is now the signature event of a new, year-round program called CoastSavers. The CoastSavers program is being coordinated and supported by the newly formed Washington Clean Coast Alliance, a dedicated group of nonprofits, community groups, tribal organizations, and government agencies all working together to help clean up Washington's beaches. When I started the Cleanup years ago, I could only dream that the idea would catch on the way it has. Knowing that the annual Cleanup will not only continue, but will be unified with the many other efforts along Washington's coast fills me with great gratitude and hope.

Thanks again for your continuing interest - and I look forward to seeing you on the beach!

Regards,



**Jan Klippert, Founder**  
Olympic Coast Cleanup