

**2004 Cleanup Dates**  
 Spring Sweeps - April 24  
 Underwater - September 18  
 Fall Sweeps - October 23

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**Support the Clean Ocean Zone (COZ)**



The physical, hydrodynamic, and biological characteristics of the New York/New Jersey Bight (waters from Montauk Point, NY, to Cape May, NJ, and to the outer edge of the continental shelf in the Atlantic Ocean) are unique in the world as more than 300 species of fish, nearly 350 species of birds, seven species of sea turtles, and many marine

mammals, such as 10 species of whales and several species of seals and porpoises, frequent this region. The NY/NJ Bight also sustains the economy of the region through its bounty of natural resources and intrinsic values for millions of people through tourism. After years of ocean dumping and individual battles against threats to these waters, the time has come to lock in the progress made in ocean protection and lock-out the harmful proposals that threaten the Bight year after year.

In early 2003, fishing, diving, surfing, conservation, environmental, realty, faith-based, business, and community groups, joined together to launch the **Clean Ocean Zone** or "**COZ**," a new grassroots campaign to permanently protect the waters off the coasts of NY and NJ from polluting and habitat destructive activities. A project of Clean Ocean Action, the COZ is a cooperative initiative among organizations, businesses, and citizens who want to improve and protect the NY/NJ Bight. The federal and bi-state (NY and NJ) legislation to establish the COZ (to be drafted) will reduce pollution, protect marine ecosystems, and support marine resources.

**Next Steps of the COZ Campaign**

The COZ campaign seeks support from concerned citizens, organizations and student groups, environmental commissions, and municipalities. COZ supporters will take actions and help move the campaign forward. To support the COZ, municipalities and organizations are encouraged to pass a "Statement of Support." Citizens can distribute and sign "Citizen Action Cards" and petitions.

**A new website, [www.CleanOceanZone.org](http://www.CleanOceanZone.org), is available to keep coalition members and the public informed of the new campaign and its 10 action points, related actions, and steps to support it.**

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