



# NEW YORK OCEAN

One of New York State's many charms is its beautiful and bountiful coastline and ocean ecosystem. The ocean environment around New York City and Long Island makes up New York's ocean waters, which are an important part of a strong ecosystem and economy in our state. Together, we can work toward a healthy ocean environment to keep New York thriving.

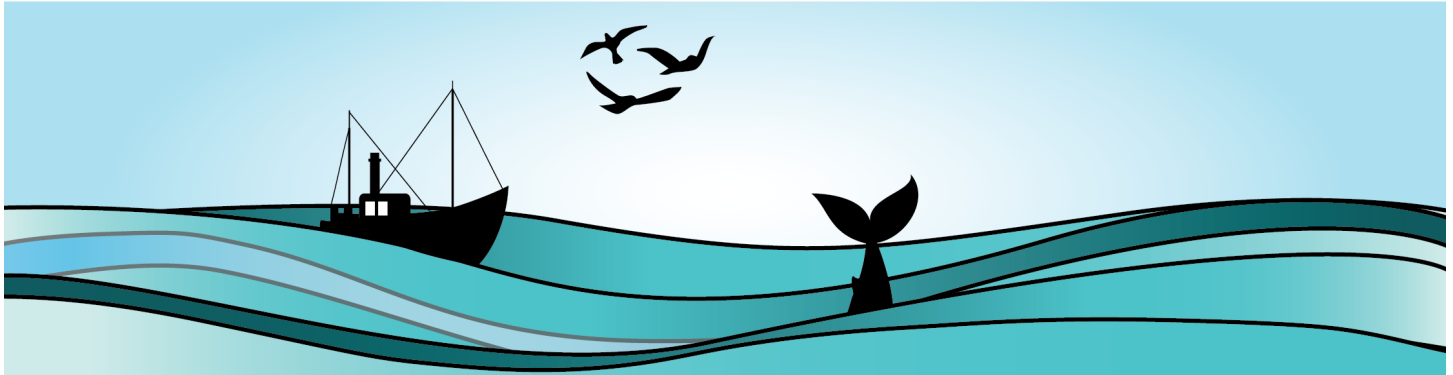
Learn more about the issues our ocean faces every day, how we work to address those issues and keep our ocean healthy, and all the ways we are linked to the marine world by following us on Facebook and Twitter:



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There are many actions you can take to make a difference. Here are some ideas on where to start:

- *Instead of using single-use plastic items, which can easily end up polluting our waters, remember to carry around reusables instead. Bring a reusable bag to the grocery store and carry a reusable water bottle.*
- *Another way to reduce marine debris? Refuse items you don't need, like that plastic straw in your water glass.*
- *Reduce your carbon footprint and contribution to processes like ocean acidification by choosing to go green on your way to school or work. If it's practical, walk or bicycle to where you need to be. If you need a vehicle to get where you're going, try taking public transport or arranging a carpool.*
- *Let your yard take on the beauty of nature. Skip the fertilizer, which can contribute to nutrient runoff, and let your yard shine in its natural glory!*
- *Beautify your community by participating in a local cleanup event.*