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Jon Schmidt

A dumpster of trash from a recent SOLVE beach cleanup.

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“Those are likely even more important than the big ones,” Pollock said, adding they degrade quickly and disseminate into the environment, harming wildlife and ecosystems.

Varying commitment

In place of the spring cleanup, SOLVE launched a series of summer beach cleanups that runs through August where SOLVE staff help small groups — such as families, homeowners associations and companies — plan scaled-down events. SOLVE helps groups schedule their cleanup and provides supplies like gloves and garbage bags. Additionally, Schmidt said, they coordinate a suitable place “to put the trash without burdening the parks department or municipal city and county sites.”

In July, SOLVE supported about 20 small beach cleanups in the North Coast, with roughly the same number planned for August, but as Schmidt said, “We have room for more beach cleanups this summer.”

“There are multiple options and different levels of commitment,” Schmidt said. “We would support a DIY cleanup, a company doing a small retreat project or you can lead a project and we can provide the leader training.”

Because the parks department is short-staffed this summer, they aren’t able to be as active as in the past, Osis said. Nonetheless, he’s seen numerous locals stepping up to serve as cleanup captains and help as individuals.

“The beaches are extremely important to Oregonians, they always have been,” Osis said.



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