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Shoreline Stewards Program already showing results within a month of getting started

During the beach-cleanup training Shoreline Stewards discovered a large plastic aquaculture cage, which had just recently come ashore and was stranded in the intertidal area near Pagan Point. The plastic frame of the cage was fractured in several places, which indicated that it could soon break-up, and discharge plastic and Styrofoam. Shoreline Stewards and



Fundy Baykeeper quickly contacted the Department of Agriculture and Aquaculture, Dept. Natural Resources, and the New Brunswick Salmon Growers Association with information on the aquaculture cage and a request to have it removed from the beach and properly disposed of. This resulted in the clean-up and removal of the aquaculture cage within 4 days.



A few days later a Shoreline Steward observed a fugitive aquaculture cage floating loose in Passamaquoddy Bay near the shoreline south of Birch Cove. The Shoreline Steward quickly reported the matter to government and aquaculture officials. Within 48 hours, a boat was dispatched to find and retrieve the cage, which by that time had washed up on shore. The cage was removed from the shoreline and taken away.



While hiking to the Round Meadow Cove Nature Preserve (near Dipper Harbour) with Shoreline Stewards, Fundy Baykeeper discovered remains of a large plastic aquaculture cage, broken and dismembered on Linen Head Beach. This matter was reported to Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture and we have been assured that they will have the aquaculture site operators nearby remove the material from the beach in July.