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Aquaculture Shoreline Cleanup a Success

PEI's shoreline is cleaner these days thanks to the efforts of volunteers from across the Island who make it their mission to clean up garbage each year. One such initiative was organized by the PEI Aquaculture Alliance, its partners, and members in the Mussel, Oyster and Finfish sectors.

The Alliance dubbed May as Shoreline Cleanup Month and invited its members and the public to join them in the effort. They worked in collaboration with Island Nature Trust and the PEI Watershed groups through the Watershed Alliance to ensure waterways and sensitive environmental areas were protected and remained undisturbed during the cleanup.

The debris collected was accepted by Island Waste Management Corporation at no cost as an additional incentive for the volunteers.

In the spirit of continued collaboration and recognizing that cleanup efforts are ongoing, the PEI Aquaculture Alliance and some of its members will also be participating in a shoreline cleanup organized by the Eastern PEI Community Navigators, Town of Three Rivers, 3rd Degree Training Montague East, the Southeast Environmental Association and Bogside Brewing. The event takes place on Friday, June 11, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., and will focus on three Canadian Heritage Rivers (Montague, Cardigan and Brudenell). All are welcome to attend, but pre-registration is recommended. Visit "Shoreline Clean-up in Three Rivers" on Facebook (https://www.facebook.com/events/220869892888830/) and register online at: https://forms.gle/HuJM15AJUxKfxVcVA

For more information about PEI Aquaculture Alliance, visit: <u>https://www.aquaculturepei.com</u>

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Cutline: Representatives from Raspberry Point Oyster Co. were among the many volunteers who participated in the PEI Aquaculture Alliance Shoreline Cleanup Month. Pictured are (from left) Riley McCarthy, Alex Poutchkov, Zameen Bhanwadiya, Peter Phan, and Sean MacDonald with the debris they found along PEI's shores.

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