





# Marine Debris in Alaska

A healthy ocean is central to life in Alaska. Coastal communities depend on the ocean for food, economic opportunity, cultural continuity, and other aspects of daily life.

- Marine debris (mostly plastic) accumulates in vast quantities along remote beaches in Alaska.
- Sources include mismanaged waste, abandoned, lost, or discarded fishing gear, and extreme weather events.
- Removing it can be expensive, difficult, and dangerous.





# Mapping Alaska's Marine Debris Efforts

A Review of Marine Debris Surveys, Accumulations and Cleanup Projects in Alaska through 2014



A Mountain of Plastic Trash Collected at Cape Suckling in 2013

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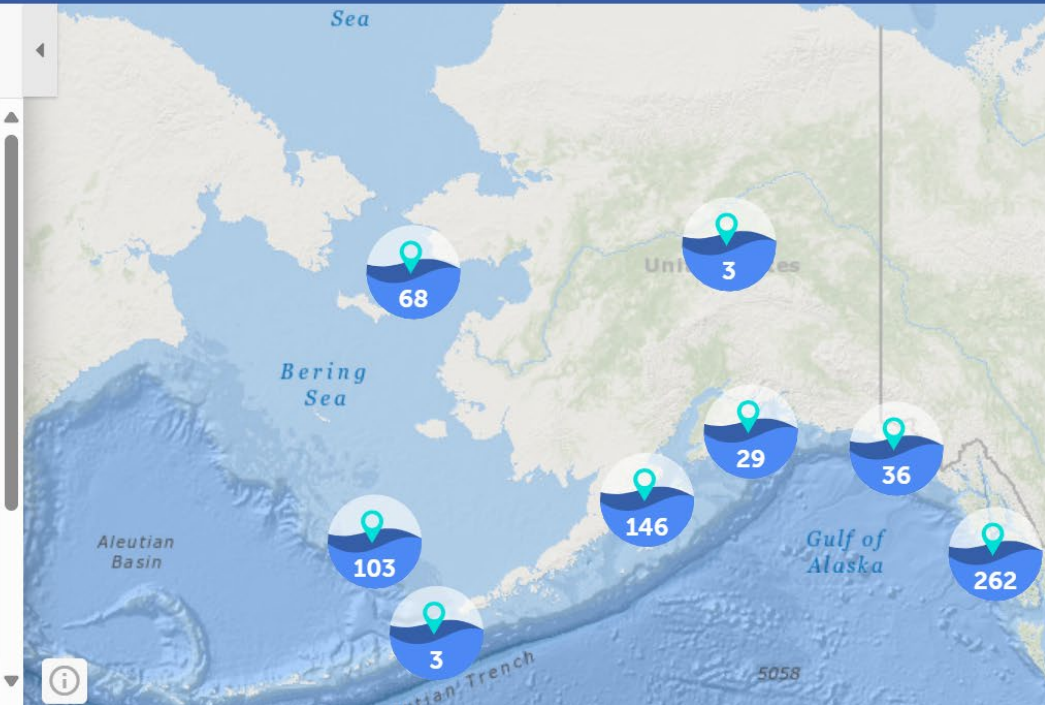
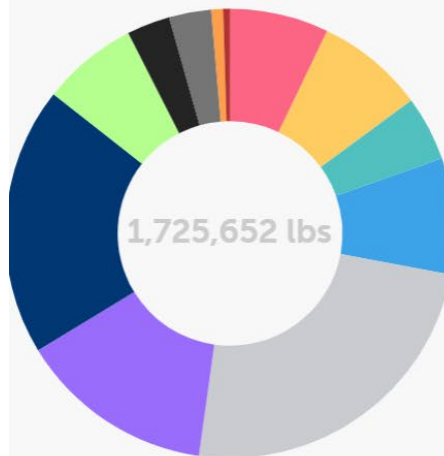
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