



# Beach Basket Report

Sebastian Inlet District

Q4: Oct-Dec 2024

## 1.0 Program Summary

The 2024 Q4 (October, November, December) report herein includes details for the two public Beach Basket stations located along the northern inlet shoreline in the Sebastian Inlet State Park. The data presented in this report was collected and managed by our monitoring partners and CCinc's beach basket team through weekly surveys of the beach basket stations. These surveys include the following: recording the number of baskets present at a station along with their unique codes, cleaning and sanitizing baskets at each station, and returning any misplaced baskets to their originally assigned station.

Throughout the fourth quarter each station was monitored weekly and a total rate of loss (ROL) of 16.6%, or 1 basket, was recorded. It is important to note that an additional basket was replaced due to old age, which is not included in the ROL calculation.

## 2.0 Detailed Quarterly Report

During 2024 Q4, the total rate of loss (ROL) recorded for baskets was 16.6% or 1 basket out of six total baskets. This ROL when compared to other quarters is average and a relatively low ROL. During this quarter there were many interactions noted between basket stations found along the inlet and basket stations located along beach accesses within the Sebastian Inlet State Park.

### 2.1 Detailed Observations for Inlet Stations

During Q4, the North Shore station lost one basket and the Cove station lost none. This is not that surprising considering the North Shore station typically experiences higher losses than the Cove station. The single North Shore basket disappeared around the week of 11/24/24 (Thanksgiving week) There was also a notable amount of basket movement during this quarter. There were several recorded instances of baskets from the beach accesses Boardwalk 2 and 3 appearing at the Cove station throughout the quarter. There was also an instance of a Cove basket appearing at the North Shore station. In addition to these occurrences, baskets were recorded disappearing and reappearing throughout the quarter. One unfortunate result is that no "Report Your Impact" surveys were submitted during this quarter.

## 2.2 Basket Maintenance

No serious maintenance was needed during Q4. All baskets had their labels replaced at the start of Q4. Every basket has two printed labels and handwritten labels under the basket handles to hide it from the elements. Excitedly, a new basket station will be added during Q1!

## 2.3 Public Relations and Media Attention

One Instagram post was made regarding the beach baskets beach cleanup that occurred in the month of December along the Sebastian Inlet. The post featured the event flyer with all of the necessary information. The post caption mentioned helping the inlet be merry and bright for the holidays and received 22 likes. Another Facebook post was made showing the pictures from the beach basket beach cleanup and the caption discussed starting the new year with clean beaches and asking people to join us for cleanups at the park in 2025. The post received 26 likes and 2 comments. One commenter wrote, "Looking great for 2025!" while another added, "Doing a good job as always, guys. Sorry I couldn't be there."

## 2.4 Coastal Cleanup Events

During this calendar quarter, the Sebastian Inlet District served as the sponsor for our quarterly beach basket beach cleanup. A total of 4 people participated in the cleanup at the cove, removing 56 lbs of debris.

## 3.0 Recommendations

The following are recommendations so the program continues to engage inlet-goers and remain helpful in keeping the Sebastian Inlet clean of debris:

1. No recommendations at this time.

Thank you for the opportunity to work with the Sebastian Inlet District on such an impactful and useful program to protect the environment.

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