



Beach Basket Report

Sebastian Inlet District

Q1: Jan-Mar 2025

1.0 Program Summary

The 2025 Q1 (January, February, March) report herein includes details for three public Beach Basket stations within Sebastian Inlet State Park. Two of the basket stations are located along the northern inlet shoreline, and one basket station, which was installed in January 2025, is located on the southern inlet shoreline. The newly added station, named Intercoastal, is located near T-Dock within the southern portion of 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 first quarter, each station was monitored weekly and a total rate of loss (ROL) of 22.2%, or 2 baskets, was recorded.

2.0 Detailed Quarterly Report

During Q1 2025, the total rate of loss (ROL) recorded for baskets was 22.2% or two baskets out of nine total baskets. When compared to previous quarters, this ROL is slightly higher; however, a new station was installed, which can increase the chance of loss. During the quarter, there were a few 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

Within Q1 2025, the Cove and Intercoastal stations each lost one basket. The Cove basket was lost during the week ending January 11th, and the Intercoastal basket was lost during the last week of March 2025. The North Shore station did not lose any baskets in Q1. Regarding basket movement throughout the quarter, there were a couple of recorded instances of baskets from the beach access Boardwalk 2 appearing at the Cove station, and a Cove basket appeared at Boardwalk 2 one time. Furthermore, baskets were recorded disappearing and reappearing throughout the quarter, a clear sign that they are in constant use. There were three (3) "Report Your Impact" surveys submitted during the quarter, which reflect 1.7 lbs of debris collected with the use of a beach basket. Only one of the three surveys reported weight data.

2.2 Basket Maintenance

As previously mentioned, a new basket station, currently known as Intercoastal, was installed in January 2025. Other than the installation of this new station, no serious maintenance was needed at either of the existing stations during Q1. As needed, baskets had their labels replaced at the start of Q1. Every basket has two printed labels in addition to handwritten labels under the basket handles, which are hidden from the elements.

2.3 Public Relations and Media Attention

Within Q1 2025, the Sebastian Inlet District was tagged in three social media posts that were created by CCinc regarding beach baskets and cleanup events. In February, a post captioned “Our beach baskets received lots of love from community members while they were enjoying the beautiful weather we had here at the Sebastian Inlet State Park this weekend” was made to give information regarding the locations and purpose of the beach basket stations. That post received 82 likes on Instagram and 24 reactions and 1 share on Facebook. In March, a post was made to advertise the BeBot Beach Cleanup that was upcoming at the Cove. The post, which featured the event flyer with all of the necessary information, received 58 likes and three comments on Instagram and 20 reactions, 1 share, and 1 comment stating “This is so cool!” on Facebook. After the event, a post was made to share the success of the cleanup. That post garnered 54 likes and three comments on Instagram and 19 reactions and 2 shares on Facebook.

2.4 Coastal Cleanup Events

During the quarter, the Sebastian Inlet District served as a collaborator for one of our most exciting and unique cleanup events to date: the BeBot Beach Cleanup. This cleanup, which took place at the Cove, had a very successful turnout, with 35 participants attending. In total, 37.6 lbs of debris were removed from the Cove. Of that, 12.5 lbs of microplastics were collected by the BeBot itself.

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. There are 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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