



Beach Basket Report

Sebastian Inlet District

Q2: April-June 2026

1.0 Program Summary

The Q2 2026 (April, May, and June) report herein includes details for three (3) public Beach Basket stations within Sebastian Inlet State Park (SISP). Two (2) of the basket stations are located along the northern inlet shoreline, and one (1) basket station is located on the southern inlet shoreline.

The data presented in this report were 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 identifying codes, disposing of any debris left in the baskets, cleaning and sanitizing baskets at each station, checking the scale at each station to determine if it is in working order, and returning any misplaced baskets to their originally assigned station.

Throughout the second quarter, each station was monitored periodically, and a total rate of loss (ROL) of 0.0% was recorded with no baskets lost. Three (3) baskets required replacement due to damage or old age; however, replaced baskets are not calculated into the ROL since the ROL is based solely on baskets that are lost or stolen within the monitoring period prior to when they would be aged out of rotation.

2.0 Detailed Quarterly Report

During Q2 2026, the total rate of loss (ROL) for Beach Baskets was 0.0%, with no baskets lost out of nine (9) total baskets in rotation. Excitingly, this is the second quarter in a row that the SID Beach Basket stations have experienced no loss. This quarter's ROL matches the record low for these stations, a figure that has now been achieved three (3) times throughout the SID Beach Basket program's duration (Appendix A, Figure 1). During the quarter, there were (2) instances noted when baskets traveled from their home station located at the north jetty within SISP to the SID stations located along the northern inlet shoreline.

2.1 Detailed Observations for Inlet Stations

The three (3) SID Beach Basket stations incredibly retained all of their baskets for the entirety of Q2 2026. Specifically, the following stations: The Cove (COVE), North Shore (NS), and T-Dock (TD) each retained all three (3) of their baskets, not

experiencing any loss. When comparing quarterly ROL since the SID Beach Basket project began in 2022, the second quarter of the year typically experiences much higher rates of basket loss, with Q2 2026 being the first instance when stations experienced no loss within the second quarter of the year (Appendix A, Figure 2).

While no baskets were replenished due to loss, two (2) baskets at the North Shore (NS) station and one (1) basket at The Cove (COVE) station were replaced due to old age. These replacements occur once a basket has been in rotation for a year or more or if breakage or damage occurs prior to that time.

Regarding basket movement throughout Q2 2026, there were two (2) instances of SID baskets moving to other stations, and there were two (2) occasions when other baskets within SISP traveled to SID stations. One (1) basket from The Cove (COVE) station traveled to the SISP Boardwalk 2 (BWA) one (1) time, and one (1) basket from the T-Dock (TD) station traveled to the SISP South Jetty (SJ) station on two (2) occasions. Furthermore, two (2) instances were observed, both on a quarterly CCinc visit, when a SISP North Jetty (NJ) basket was found at both The Cove (COVE) and North Shore (NS) stations. Furthermore, a basket from The Cove (COVE) was located lying on the north beach boardwalk during a quarterly visit.

Aside from movement, basket use can also be indicated through responses to the “Report Your Impact” survey, which parkgoers can access by scanning a QR code found on the small “Report Your Impact” sign at each station. One (1) “Report Your Impact” survey was submitted during Q2 2026, which did not include weight data for the debris collected.

2.2 Basket Maintenance

Within Q2 2026, the basket holder at the T-Dock (TD) station had to be replaced, and the metal U-post had to be straightened due to vandalism. The inoperable scale at the T-Dock (TD) was also replaced, while the scale batteries at The Cove (COVE) station were replaced, and the scale is now fully functional. No other serious station maintenance was required in Q2 2026. Printed labels with unique IDs, along with permanent marker labels under each of the basket handles, which minimizes their exposure to the elements, were confirmed as present on every basket. As necessary, baskets that remained at these stations and transitioned from Q1 2026 to Q2 2026 had any faded or missing labels replaced for easy visibility and tracking. Furthermore, each of the stations had its signage and scale screens cleaned at the beginning of the quarter.

2.3 Public Relations and Media Attention

Throughout Q2 2026, the Sebastian Inlet District was tagged in social media posts created by CCinc regarding Beach Baskets and Coastal Cleanup events. In February, a post was created that featured a photo of a Beach Basket in use at The Cove. The caption stated, “The next time you’re at The Cove, take a look around. This little

corner of Sebastian Inlet is packed with wildlife. Unfortunately, it's also a place where marine debris tends to collect. Grab a Beach Basket and pick up a few pieces of litter during your visit, and join us on June 23rd from 9:00–10:00 a.m. for our quarterly Coastal Cleanup at The Cove. Together, we'll help keep this incredible spot clean for both wildlife and us," and provided further details about the upcoming cleanup. That post received 694 views, one (1) comment, and 32 likes on Instagram and 2,454 views, 31 reactions, and one (1) comment on Facebook.

In June, an event flyer was created and posted to promote the quarterly Coastal Cleanup at The Cove. That post, captioned "Help us kick off the summer with a clean slate," and providing additional cleanup event details, received 869 views, 23 likes, and two (2) shares on Instagram and 2,224 views and 13 reactions on Facebook. Furthermore, a Facebook Event was created for the cleanup, with 23 people indicating they were interested in attending and four (4) people stating they would attend. In addition, the Sebastian Inlet District Beach Basket stations were featured in stories on both Instagram and Facebook at different times throughout the quarter as part of our "Beach Basket Tuesdays" series.

2.4 Coastal Cleanup Events

During Q2 2026, the Sebastian Inlet District served as a collaborator for a quarterly Coastal Cleanup at The Cove. Twelve participants attended the cleanup, removing 34.7 lb of debris. In all, 1,303 pieces of trash were collected, including 614 pieces of hard plastic, 136 cigarette butts, 105 pieces of plastic film, 87 plastic bottle caps, 76 pieces of fishing line or fishing-related equipment, and 50 paper pieces.

3.0 Recommendations

The following are recommendations to ensure the program continues to engage inlet-goers and remains helpful in keeping the Sebastian Inlet free of debris:

1. Continued weekly Beach Basket station survey submissions are recommended for generating comprehensive reports about basket use, basket travel, and the rate of loss.

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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Appendix A

Figure 1.

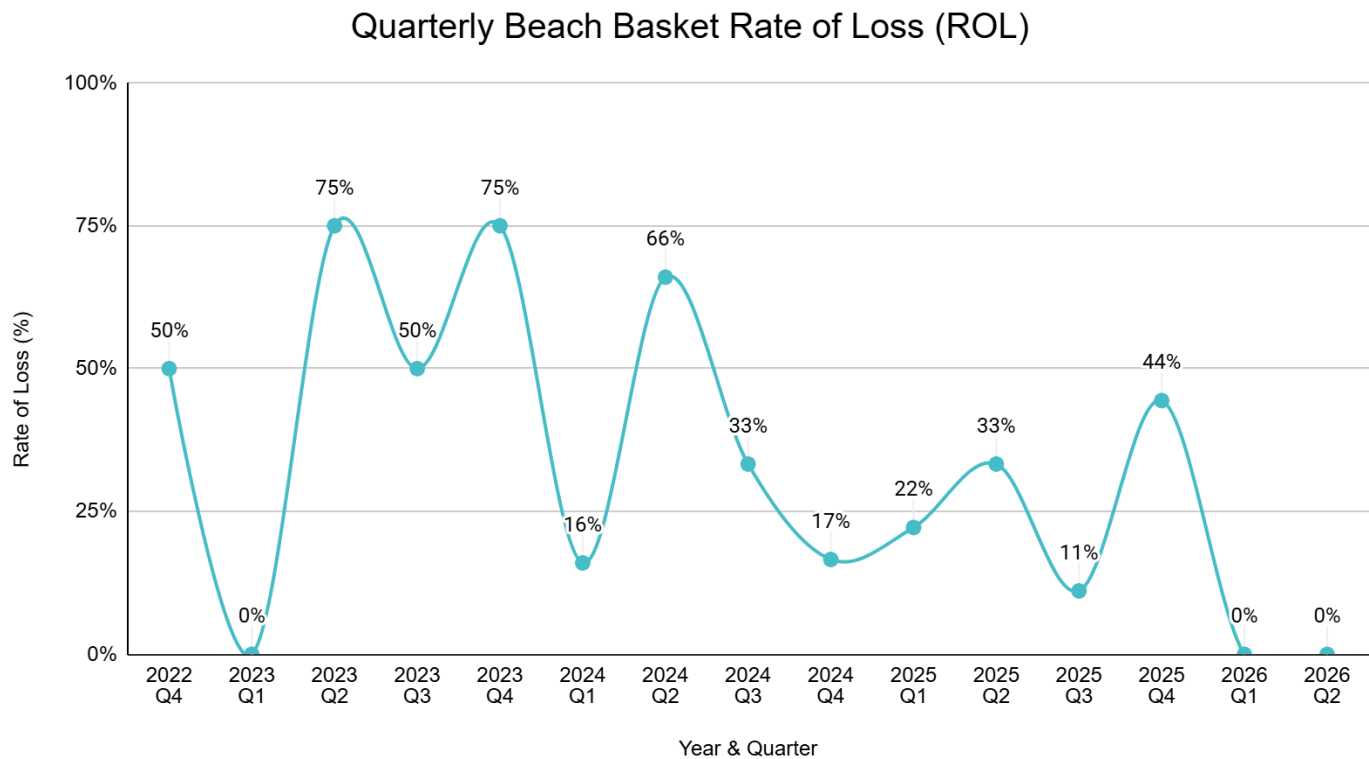


Figure 2.

