



Beach Basket Report

Sebastian Inlet District

Q3: Jul-Sep 2024

1.0 Program Summary

The 2024 Q3 (July, August, September) 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, the cleaning and sanitization of baskets at each station, as well as returning any misplaced baskets to their originally assigned station.

Throughout the third quarter each station was monitored weekly and a total rate of loss (ROL) of 33.3%, or 2 baskets, was recorded.

2.0 Detailed Quarterly Report

During 2024 Q2, the total rate of loss (ROL) recorded for baskets was 33.3% or 2 baskets out of six total baskets. This ROL when compared to other quarters is average. During this quarter there were no 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 Q3, the Cove station lost two baskets and the North Shore station lost none. This is a bit unexpected considering the North Shore station typically experiences higher losses than the Cove station. Both baskets at the Cove disappeared within two months of the calendar quarter. The first basket at the Cove disappeared toward the end of the second month of the quarter, around the week of 8/25/2024, and the second basket was lost the next week during the last month of the quarter. There were also two "Report Your Impact" surveys submitted during September that recorded the pick up of 2.25 lbs of beach trash.

2.2 Basket Maintenance

No serious maintenance was needed during Q3. 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. A new basket station will be added during Q4!

2.3 Public Relations and Media Attention

One Instagram story repost was made by CCinc regarding the beach baskets in Sebastian Inlet. The story post featured someone holding up their basket of trash at the North Shore Station. They captioned it “Never off duty” and tagged both Sebastian Inlet District and Coastal Connections. The story post received several likes, nearing almost 100 account interactions. More focus will be placed on public awareness of the new station addition during Q4.

2.4 Coastal Cleanup Events

During this calendar quarter, the Sebastian Inlet District served as a Park Champion during International Coastal Cleanup Day led by Coastal Connections. The inlet cove served as one of 22 different cleanup locations across Indian River County. A total of 25 people participated in the cleanup at the cove, removing 125.5 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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