

MAY 2025

# MAKING WAVES

ATLANTIC HEALTHY OCEANS INITIATIVE NEWSLETTER



## INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the spring edition of Making Waves! Over the winter, our team has been busy behind the scenes analyzing the data collected during 2024 and preparing for another exciting season of marine research and community outreach in 2025. With another round of beach cleanups, continued research on species-at-risk and eelgrass habitats, and a jam-packed week celebrating World Ocean Day, there are more ways to get involved in helping our ocean and coastal communities!



[Left] Jordan Woolfrey (AHOI) at EAC's Marine Atlas release celebration.  
[Right] A photo of AHOI staff member, Jordan, featured in the Atlas.

## DID YOU KNOW?

The Ecology Action Centre has launched their Community-led Marine Atlas, *People, Place and the Ocean*! AHOI proudly contributes research and data to support the project.

[Click here to explore the atlas!](#)

For more information, please visit [www.ahoi.ca](http://www.ahoi.ca)

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Email [sydney@atlantichealthyocean.com](mailto:sydney@atlantichealthyocean.com) to sign up for our e-newsletter!

## 2025 Beach Cleanups

Join us this summer as we work together to reduce marine debris in Gros Morne!

### JUNE 4TH

Rocky Harbour Beach

1:30 pm

### JUNE 6TH

Trout River Beach

1:00 pm

### JULY 26TH

St. Paul's Beach

10:00 am

### AUGUST 9TH

Glenburnie-Birchy Head-Shoal Brook

10:00 am

### DATE TBD

Back Cove, Cow Head

TBD

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Woody Point

TBD

Weather dependent. Stay tuned for more info on our website and social media!

# WORLD OCEAN WEEK 2025



Gros Morne Adventures joined by AHOI leading a kayak tour in June, 2024 to celebrate World Ocean Week.

Get involved during one of our busiest—and most exciting—weeks of the year! We're partnering with local groups to offer a full week of activities for all ages:

**SUNDAY**  
**1**  
JUNE

## **2:00 PM Shallow Bay Exploration & Ocean Movie Screening**

Shallow Bay Beach Day Use Area

Kick off Ocean Week at Shallow Bay with AHOI! Join us for a coastal scavenger hunt, snacks, and an ocean-themed movie!

**WEDNESDAY**  
**4**  
JUNE

## **1:30 PM Rocky Harbour Beach Cleanup**

Join AHOI, Gros Morne Academy & the Town of Rocky Harbour for a community beach cleanup! Bags and gloves provided!

**THURSDAY**  
**5**  
JUNE

## **8:00 PM Ocean Trivia @ The Cat and Rooster**

The Cat and Rooster, Norris Point

Registration at the door by donation. Teams of 2-6 people.

**FRIDAY**  
**6**  
JUNE

## **1:00 PM Trout River Beach Cleanup**

Join AHOI, Jakeman All Grade & the Town of Trout River for a community beach cleanup! Bags and gloves provided!

## **8:00 PM Celebrate the Salmon Festival: Evening Concert**

Wrap up the day with live music on the Trout River boardwalk as part of the Celebrate the Salmon Festival!

**SUNDAY**  
**8**  
JUNE

## **10:00 AM Ocean Day Paddle with Gros Morne Adventures**

9 Clarke's Lane, Norris Point

Pre-booking required. Visit [www.grosmorneadventures.com](http://www.grosmorneadventures.com)

### **Other Events and Activities to Check Out:**

- Gros Morne Theatre Festival (Cow Head) - Visit [www.theatrenewfoundland.com](http://www.theatrenewfoundland.com) to learn more!
- Bonne Bay Aquarium is open for tours from 10:00-5:00 on Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays, and Mondays!
- Hike along the coastline - Visit <https://parks.canada.ca/pn-np/nl/grosmorne/activ/experiences/randonnee-hiking> for a full list of trails by region!

**Our work is supported by Fisheries and Oceans Canada and Environment and Climate Change Canada.**



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## Research Program Update

Over the winter, our team focused on:

- Sorting and analyzing marine debris data from 2024
- Mapping redfish and *Calanus* copepod (zooplankton) distribution and abundance
- Reviewing audio recordings from passive acoustic devices to detect whales and other marine mammals
- Watching and analyzing over 17 hours of ROV footage from Bonne Bay and St. Paul's Inlet
- Planning research activities for the 2025 summer field season

Stay tuned for our newsletter this fall when we share some exciting results!

**Our Green Team is returning this summer! If you see them, stop and say hello!**



Daniel preparing the ROV for deployment to explore the benthic marine habitats in Bonne Bay.