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Shore supporters may click a link on the website to purchase a "Shore to Please" license plate. Proceeds help support shore cleanup programs, including the Cooperative Coastal Monitoring Program.

Beachgoers may also stay updated on shore-related happenings by following @NJBeachReport on Twitter. From mid-May through September, tweets will feature daily updates for openings, closings, advisories, water quality sampling and coastal surveillance flight results.



In addition to the Cooperative Coastal Monitoring Program anniversary this year, the DEP is celebrating milestones for the Coastal Surveillance Flights and Clean Shores programs, both of which have been providing shore-related cleanups, assistance and information to the public for 30 years.

Coastal surveillance flights will be conducted six days a week, starting Monday, May 20 and continuing through September. The Clean Shores program partners with the Department of Corrections to assist municipalities with coastal shorelines by using inmate labor to clear and remove trash and debris year-round.

The Cooperative Coastal Monitoring Program is a joint state and local partnership between the DEP, the state Department of Health and county agencies including the Cape May, Ocean and Monmouth health departments as well as the Atlantic County Division of Public Health. Participating municipal agencies include the Atlantic City, Long Beach Island and Long Branch health departments, the Middletown Township Board of Health and the Monmouth County Regional Health Commission.

For a video showing a coastal surveillance flight, visit <https://youtu.be/zqVIYk7MfL0>

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