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## Fisherman's Pledge For a Clean Ocean

I recognize that a clean, productive ocean is necessary for the livelihood of fishermen throughout the world.

I realize that pollution and marine debris, particularly plastics, threaten marine life and my safety at sea.

Therefore, I pledge to:

Return all discarded fishing gear and other plastics to port and dispose of them properly;

Make every effort to prevent accidental loss of fishing gear;

Make an effort to safely collect others' lost fishing gear and debris I find at sea and return them to port for proper disposal;

Follow the marine debris regulations required by the international treaty, MARPOL Annex V; and

Encourage all my fellow fishermen to follow my good example.

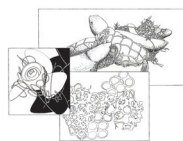
Through these actions I will maintain a clean ocean today and for fishermen of the future.



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FATE AND IMPACT OF  
MARINE DEBRIS  
NOVEMBER 1984  
HONOLULU, HAWAII



OCEANS OF PLASTIC  
FEBRUARY 1988  
PORTLAND, OREGON



2ND INTERNATIONAL  
CONFERENCE ON  
MARINE DEBRIS  
APRIL 1989  
HONOLULU, HAWAII



SEA OF DEBRIS  
3RD INTERNATIONAL  
CONFERENCE ON  
MARINE DEBRIS  
1994  
MIAMI, FLORIDA



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