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Press Release

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International Beach Clean-Up Day—Volunteers Needed

Saturday, September 19, 2009, 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Ocean, N.C.---In partnership with the Ocean Conservancy's International Coastal Cleanup Day (ICCD), the North Carolina Coastal Federation, Duke University's Nicholas School of the Environment and Hammocks Beach State Park are inviting community members and students to help clean up their coastal environment. **ICCD 2009 is on Saturday, September 19, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**

Join like-minded volunteers in your community to help clean up and collect trash from **Hammocks Beach State Park's three islands: Bear Island, Huggins Island and Jones Island**. We hope people in the area will take advantage of the opportunity to learn more about the Coastal Federation while participating in a hands-on community event.

ICCD engages people to remove trash and debris from the world's beaches and waterways, identify the sources of debris and change the behaviors that cause marine debris. Last year, nearly 400,000 volunteers collected more than 6.8 million pounds of trash in 104 countries and 42 U.S. states during the 2008 ICCD – the world's largest volunteer effort of its kind.

Details:

The clean-up will take place from 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Volunteers should wear closed-toe shoes and comfortable work clothes that may get wet and/or dirty. Please follow the weather forecast to help you be prepared. We will provide sunscreen, bug spray, gloves and trash bags. A light lunch and drinks will be provided after the event. This event is open to all ages, but children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

Interested parties must respond to Sarah Phillips as there is limited space on ferry boats.

Directions: From points east, follow Highway 24 west into Swansboro. Turn left onto Old Hammocks Road; soon after, turn left onto Hammocks Beach Road. About 500 feet before the end

of the road, turn right into the park entrance. Follow this road to the visitor's center, which is where all volunteers will meet.

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**About the North Carolina Coastal Federation:
"Citizens Working Together for a Healthy Coast"**

The North Carolina Coastal Federation (NCCF) is the state's only non-profit organization focused exclusively on protecting and restoring the coast of North Carolina through education, advocacy and habitat restoration and preservation. NCCF headquarters are located at 3609 Highway 24 in Ocean between Morehead City and Swansboro and are open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. The NCCF also operates field offices in Wilmington and Manteo. For more information call 252-393-8185 or check out NCCF's website at www.nccoast.org