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A Local Law to amend the New York city charter, in relation to creating a marine debris disposal office

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 1 of the New York city charter is amended by adding a new section 20-f to read as follows:

20-f. Office of marine debris disposal. The mayor or such agency as the mayor shall designate shall establish a marine debris disposal office to monitor, recycle or dispose of marine debris left on public beaches.

The duties of such office shall include, but not be limited to:

1. Develop a plan to recycle plastics, wood or metal and dispose of other nonrecyclable marine debris.
2. Seek to coordinate cleanups dates with the New York state beach cleanup volunteers and nongovernmental organizations currently involved in beach cleanup.
3. Take steps to coordinate with other entities to address and remove marine debris that is dumped or abandoned in the water or along the shoreline.
4. Take appropriate steps to determine when such debris is traceable to any group or individual and if traceable such office shall seek to issue a notice of violation for a civil penalty based upon structure to be determined by rule.

§ 2. This local law takes effect immediately.

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