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## Take a Bite out of Litter, help sharks for Earth Day

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Take a Bite out of Litter? Absolutely! The Pacifica Beach Coalition is now calling all groups, teams, families, schools and businesses to sign up today to take action on April 20 for Earth Day 2013.

The Pacifica Beach Coalition is dedicating this year's Earth Day efforts to the Sharks of the Sea and invites everyone to join with us and make a difference and learn about this misunderstood predator of the sea. This year there will be many opportunities to learn more about the shark species off our coast, in the bay and around the world and many opportunities to help the species survive.

What will you do for Earth Day? The Pacifica Beach Coalition invites groups who wish to adopt a needy project and businesses who will commit to picking up their commercial spaces to call 355-1668 to register their actions to help the sharks of the sea. Like the Sea Turtle last year, the Shark species suffer greatly due to shark finning, long line fishing, and human impacts including litter. And, unfortunately, they are very misunderstood and feared.

The Pacifica Beach Coalition is dedicating this years Earth Day efforts to sharks and invites everyone to join the efforts, make a difference, and to learn about this misunderstood predator of the sea. There are already dozens of sites registered including every beach and most business districts; individuals and families can help at any one of them without signing up in advance. We look forward to beginning our journey to learn more about the shark species off our coast, in the bay and around the world and many opportunities to help the species survive.

Together we can make a significant change for the other 71 percent of our planet: ocean water. Led by the Pacifica Beach Coalition and sponsored and supported by local businesses, community groups, and citizens. The Earth Day of Action event will include beach, street and parking lot clean up, gardening, and habitat restoration, along with a Festival with music, booths, entertainment, shark education and ocean activities. Call 355-1668 or email <u>PickitupPacifica@gmail.com</u> (<u>mailto:PickitupPacifica@gmail.com</u>) to sign up your group and business for Earth Day. Begin your journey now to learn about sharks, the top predators of the sea, and help us Take a Bite out of Litter.

-- Lynn Adams

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