

PRE-CLEAN UP OBJECTIVE 1: Defining Marine Debris, Sources, and Types



What exactly is marine debris?

ASK: Has anyone ever heard of marine debris?

Provide participants with this formal definition:

Marine Debris is considered any persistent solid material that is manufactured or processed and directly or indirectly, intentionally or unintentionally, disposed of or abandoned into the marine environment or the Great Lakes (NOAA).

ASK: Based on that definition, what items do you think are considered marine debris?

ASK: Do you think we can make our own definition that everyone would understand?

As a group, break down and discuss words in the official definition and develop a definition that everyone can understand.

 **ACTIVITY:** WHAT DOESN'T BELONG?

OBJECTIVE: Participants will learn what marine debris is and see how it doesn't belong in the natural marine environment.

MATERIALS: What Doesn't Belong? graphic

INSTRUCTIONS: Using the provided graphic, have participants find what doesn't belong in the picture.

