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A Local Law to amend the New York city charter, in relation to creating a marine debris disposal and vessel surrendering 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-o to read as follows:

20-o. Office of marine debris disposal and vessel surrendering. A. Definitions. As used in this section, the following terms have the following meanings: Abandon. The term “abandon” means the permanent relinquishment of possession or control.

Director. The term “director” means the director of the office of marine debris disposal and vessel surrendering.

Littoral waters. The term “littoral waters” means any waters within or bounding a city to a distance of fifteen hundred feet from the shore.

Marine debris. The term “marine debris” means any garbage, refuse, debris and other materials or substances which are discarded or abandoned in the city’s littoral waters or shores or which have made their way to the city’s littoral waters or shores, but not including boats or similar vessels.

b. The mayor shall establish an office of marine debris disposal and vessel surrendering. Such office may, but need not, be established in the executive office of the mayor and may be established as a separate office, within any other office of the mayor or within any department, the head of which is appointed by the

mayor. Such office shall be headed by a director who shall be appointed by the mayor.

c. Powers and duties. The director shall have the power and duty to:

1. Liaise and collaborate with relevant offices in the executive office of the mayor and with agencies including, but not limited to, the department of small business services, the department of finance, the department of sanitation, and the department of parks and recreation, to:

(a) coordinate the removal of marine debris in the city's littoral waters or shores,

(b) develop a plan to recycle or reuse plastic, wood and metal marine debris, and dispose of nonrecyclable marine debris,

(c) develop recommendations for enforcement against persons who illegally deposit or abandon marine debris, boats or other vessels within the city's littoral waters or shores, and

(d) develop recommendations for a program through which persons may surrender boats to the city for disposal.

2. Coordinate with and promote organizations and volunteer groups involved in removing marine debris from the city's beaches and shores.

§ 2. This local law takes effect immediately.

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