

PenderWatch and Conservancy Beach Sweep at Lea / Hutaff Island

There are many sure signs of autumn, cooler nights, carved pumpkins, fewer tourists and the annual PenderWatch & Conservancy Lea / Hutaff Island clean up. Each year, PenderWatch, in a joint effort with Audubon North Carolina, sweeps the island clean in conjunction with the North Carolina Big Sweep. This year, more than a dozen people using five boats converged on the island and removed all of the litter. In addition to volunteers with bags and grabber sticks, local sport fisherman Eddie Treusch and his son, Wayne, ran up the beach on ATVs to collect the bags and other litter. The collected litter was then brought to the boats for transport to shore. Once ashore, recyclables were sorted out and the whole lot delivered to the Hampstead convenience center.

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