



Coastal Conservation Fellows Pledge to Protect Estuaries

The Coastal Conservation Fellows camp met July 28-30 to learn about conservation issues facing local coastal and marine environments. Campers explored the conservation of protected species, used a mobile app to track marine debris at the Rachel Carson Reserve, and tested mark-recapture methods for surveying a significantly rare species of butterfly found only in the Bogue Banks region. The group also thought about ways they can help protect the valuable estuarine and coastal environments that allow wildlife and human communities to thrive in North Carolina. Here's an [infographic](#) illustrating the many creative ways they contribute to healthy estuaries.