



Webinar: Great Pacific Garbage Patch - Captain Charles Moore - September 23, 2026 Chat

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18:00:11 — Allen Arslanian: Long Beach. Want to learn more

18:00:23 — Hayden Smith - a: Sea Cleaners Charitable Trust - NZ. Interested in hearing more

18:00:30 — Chris Klibowitz: Chris, watching from the Moore Institute in Long Beach, CA. Supporting our founder, Captain Charlie!

18:00:32 — Amandine Monsaingeon: Kia ora! Calling in from New Zealand. Part of Sea Cleaners team

18:00:58 — Nikhil Davé: Nikhil Dave from San Diego!

18:00:59 — Lorena Rios: University of Wisconsin Superior

18:01:06 — Robert Butler: I'm affiliated with ASEZ WAO (World Mission Society Church of God) and also SCCWRP in Costa Mesa - was invited by Captain Moore

18:01:07 — Corliss Lee: Corliss Lee Long Beach

18:02:20 — Neil Seldman: Neil Seldman, Co-Chair, Save the Albatross Coalition and Zero Waste USA, Montclair, NJ

18:02:39 — Austin Brown: Austin Brown, Past volunteer

18:02:55 — Adrienne Knapp: Adrienne with ASEZ WAO , the World Mission Society Church of God volunteer group Captain Charles Moore came and spoke at an event at the Long Beach Aquarium hosted by ASEZ WAO!! Hi Captain!! Happy to be invited to join today!

18:03:51 — Chris Sparnicht - STAC - ZWUSA: <https://zwconference.org/>

18:22:43 — Neil Seldman: question to Charlie—You recently addressed the Science and Technology advisors to the Pope. Has there been any common from the Vatican on plastic pollution and what to do about it?

18:25:29 — Neil Seldman: recent book review of books on plastic pollution by Neil: <https://zerowasteusa.org/2026/09/book-review-the-struggle-to-end-the-age-of-plastic/>

18:26:32 — Selen Yildiz: Thanks so much Neil for sharing the list . / Greetings to everyone from Sri Lanka:)

18:27:25 — Yi-Hsien Chiu: Greetings from Taiwan 🙌 Yi-Hsien Chiu, as government servant of fisheries authority and son of fisherman.

18:34:21 — Neil Seldman: NYC 6:34 pm

18:34:26 — Robert Butler: Costa Mesa CA, 3:34pm

18:34:27 — Alison Schlick: It is 3:33 pm in San Diego

18:34:30 — Gary Liss: time: 3:34 pm PDT in Loomis (Sacramento area), CA

18:34:32 — Hayden Smith - d: 10:34AM Auckland NZ

18:34:35 — David Aldarondo: 3:30PM Long Beach

18:34:37 — Dennis Uyat: Berkeley 3:34pm

18:34:41 — Corliss Lee: 3:34 PM in Long Beach California

18:34:44 — Selen Yildiz: 4:04 am, Colombo, Sri Lanka. I am originally from Istanbul, Türkiye though Robert Butler

18:34:52 — Lorena Rios: Wisconsin 5:34 pm

18:35:05 — Yi-Hsien Chiu: 06:34 AM, Taipei Taiwan

18:35:07 — Lynda Koskela: 3:35pm Riverside, CA

18:35:17 — Muguro David Ngige: From Kenya 1.35 AM

18:35:26 — Denny Cope: Denny Cope Encinitas, CA 3:36

18:36:00 — JoAnn Wintenburg: 3:35 Long Beach, California

18:36:04 — Alison Schlick: can you mute everyone but yourself

18:37:25 — Alison Schlick: esp. Verne, Neil, and Denny

18:38:07 — Selen Yildiz: Are we gonna be able to watch the recording later?

18:40:28 — Chris Sparnicht - STAC - ZWUSA: *(replying to "Are we gonna be able to watch the recording later?")* We will have the question and answer period available for this session. The video itself is owned by Korean Broadcast System, so we're not allowed to post it on YouTube. That chat will also be made available.

18:41:27 — Selen Yildiz: *(replying to "Are we gonna be able to watch the recording later?")* Will we have access to the presentation by Dr Moore? No?

18:43:40 — Chris Sparnicht - STAC - ZWUSA: *(replying to "Are we gonna be able to watch the recording later?")* We have a previous recording of the same presentation available at albatrosscoalition.org. The Q&A period for this session will be made available there as additional content.

18:44:02 — Selen Yildiz: *(replying to "Are we gonna be able to watch the recording later?")* Great! :)

18:57:15 — Dennis Uyat: Thanks Captain! Some questions from me: -what's the petrochemical industry have to say about this if at all? -how will plastic displacement of plankton disrupt the food chain? -your research skims the surface of ocean, is there research about different depths?

18:58:11 — Selen Yildiz: Oh god i wanna cry after seeing poor plankton among all that plastic thinking about all the fish that has to swallow all that plastic to eat plankton:(((

18:59:28 — Chris Sparnicht - STAC - ZWUSA: Please raise your Zoom hand to ask a question.

19:01:22 — Muguro David Ngige: Our lives are in danger because of plastic waste in the water bodies. We have to change our behaviours in waste disposal

19:01:24 — Neil Seldman: "insatiable consumption" ???

19:02:43 — Selen Yildiz: We have to dramatically reduce plastic consumption, not just properly dispose. Most people don't even stop using plastic bags at supermarkets

19:05:31 — Selen Yildiz: Dr Moore, how does government institutions respond to your research in terms of changing policies?

19:06:08 — Michelle Minstrell: Caps are connected in non-USA countries

19:09:30 — Selen Yildiz: USA can't employ people to immediately collect these caps on such a small island? They pick them up on the land i assume , not in the ocean . So workers can collect the trash ? Am i wrong? What am i missing or overlooking here?

19:11:28 — Chris Sparnicht - STAC - ZWUSA: The floating white plastic circles in some scenes is very tragic they're also startlingly beautiful. I'm reminded of a video from 1982 called Koyaanisqatsi

19:20:07 — Selen Yildiz: We also don't do enough on community and individual level

19:20:52 — Neil Seldman: Great idea Chris !!!

19:21:21 — Neil Seldman: Good to meet you Hazel. Well done.

19:25:09 — Robert Butler: At SCCWRP we received a lot of funding once the state found microplastics in drinking water, and there have been projects continuously opening since that time in 2020, and now they are studying the bioaccumulation in bivalves, since the food industry collects them and sells them So it seems like funding [only] comes when they are convinced there is an economic impact How can we convince government agencies or any other potential funding sources that there is a negative economic impact from the garbage patch? So that regional monitoring might be able to be set up in the garbage patch

19:25:47 — David Aldarondo: David Aldarondo here Vice President of Long Beach Organic, grateful for all your hard work!

19:25:53 — Neil Seldman: Charlie— great team.

19:27:00 — Muguro David Ngige: Great Job Captain 🙌

19:29:01 — Selen Yildiz: Something that increases plastic production and use is the online shopping craze . I had to buy things online before i moved here because i wasn't able to buy in person due to health reasons, so what i did was i contacted the sellers i could contact and asked them to package the product in paper or cardboard. Most brands honored my request.

19:32:30 — Robert Butler: Great answer thank you so much

19:32:51 — Neil Seldman: Have to get to another import meeting. THANKS neil

19:33:01 — Elena Mateo: Thank you for a wonderful presentation Captain Moore!

19:33:01 — Auzzsa Eaton: Thank you for offering this!

19:33:07 — Auzzsa Eaton: How can we access the recording?

19:33:21 — Robert Butler: Thank you

19:33:31 — Selen Yildiz: I am beyond grateful for this presentation

19:33:34 — Elena Mateo: Thank you for organizing Chris!

19:33:55 — Yi-Hsien Chiu: Thank you so much Captain

19:33:55 — Selen Yildiz: I am sad that you said "i hope there is a next time"