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Hi all,

Finally, the Southern Fiordland Coastal clean-up start day arrived!

All the volunteer's arrived at the Wairaurahiri jet base at Clifden. From there people were sorted into helicopter or boat groups.

The 12 volunteers heading to the rugged Southern Fiordland Coast by jet boat piled into the two Landcruiser's and on their way to Lake Hauroko, loaded up and off down the wild Wairaurahiri to Waitutu Lodge at the South Coast. Their new home for the next 4 days.

The remaining 8 volunteers were taken to Rarakau where Mark and Dale from Fiordland Helicopters waited to fly them into the Waitutu Lodge.

After a safety talk, briefing and description of what was expected of the 20 volunteers it was out onto the beaches for a half day of ridding the coast of rubbish. The next two days where full-on days with my Fitbit recording 21,000 plus steps



The volunteers picked up a variety of rubbish off the coast that was made up of lost fishing gear together with an increasing amount of domestic rubbish being found. This domestic rubbish was predominately plastic drink bottles, both fizz and water bottles as well as a noticeable increase in plastic lids which were not evident just a few years ago. Pleasing to note, was the noticeable reduction of plastic strapping! One noticeable item in the coast was the orange 'bait holders' that are used by the rock lobster industry. Malcolm Lawson the CEO for CRA8, (who was one of the volunteers) is investigating how the industry can either secure these more suitably in the pots or move to a more suitable product. It should be noted these 'bait holders' are lost during large storm events where they break free from the pots on the surround coasts.

Once all the fadges (meters square bags) were flown to collection spots for the Rakiura Shipping freight vessel the Foveaux Freighter to collect, there was 68 bags..... of rubbish removed from the Southern Fiordland Coastline. Once it is back in Bluff, I will follow up on the amount of the trash once I know the weights. The rubbish then will be sorted through and what can be recycled will be, the rest will go to land fill at Lime Hills.

What's next.



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Stewart Islands Western Coastline

There has been reports of a lot of rubbish gathering back along the that coast there is also some rubbish that has been piled up in the past (not by us) which had been buried in the sand is now becoming uncovered. We are planning a clean-up on August 29th August-1st September.

I will be asking for volunteers from our sponsors and will be in touch soon.

On the subject of the sponsors. :-)

I have asked for photos of the clean-up from our volunteers to be forwarded to me, I will send these out to the sponsors for you to use to help promote your company and the great work you do.

Without you these clean-ups would not be possible, and we thank you for your generous support to help keep this unique part of New Zealand free from plastics and lost fishing gear. The trust is extremely grateful for your donations and your support for this year's clean-up, without your funding it is just not be possible. We cannot thank you enough.

Your company names will be included as a financial supporter with any media releases as well as on out FB page. It is further pleasing to note that our volunteers were also amazed at the wide variety of sponsors.



Thank you all.

Kindest Regards- Southern Coastal Charitable Trust.