

# Recycling maritime waste

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# My Background

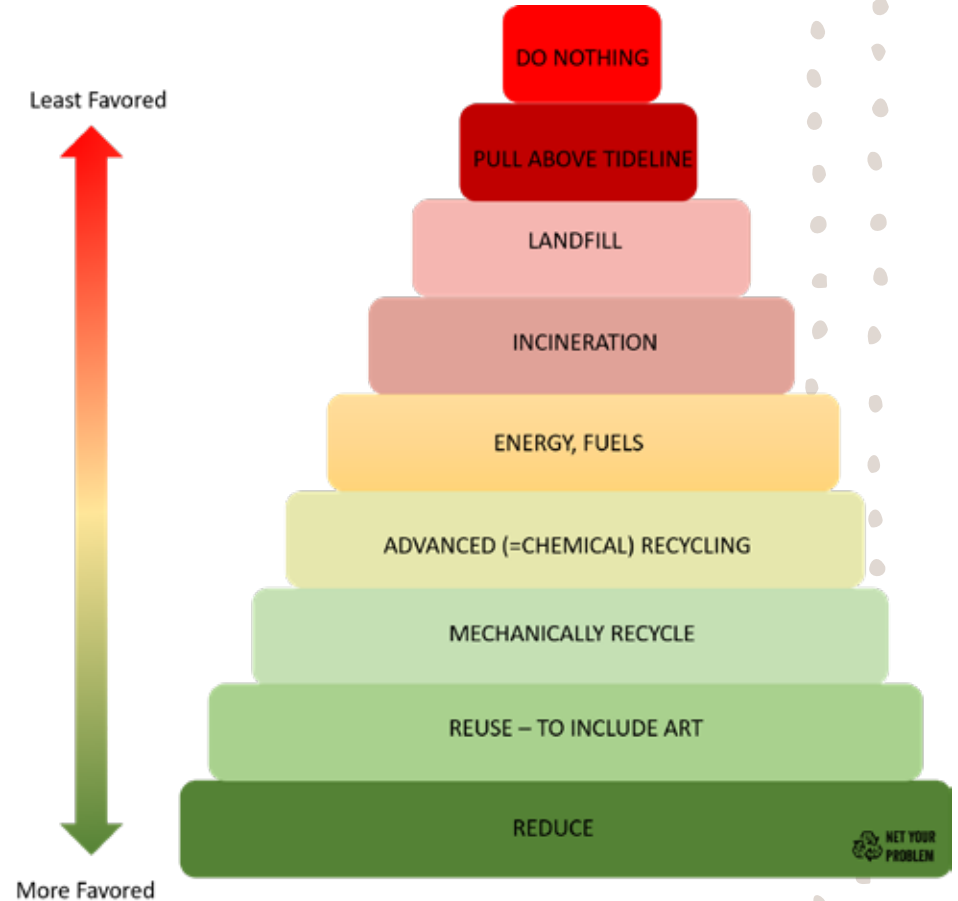
- § BS in marine biology (RWU, Rhode Island)
- § MS in fisheries (UPRM, Puerto Rico)
- § Worked as a fisheries observer in Alaska
  - § Where I first saw a problem
- § Collected gear the first year (2017) with support of a non-profit while still working at a university in Seattle
- § But how would I sustain this work long term?



baby Nicole in 2011 (Kodiak, AK)

# What We Do

- NYP was established in 2018 as a for profit entity, now has two full time and three PT employees
- Collect HDPE, PP and PA6 netting and line from around the US (Alaska, US West coast and US East coast) under a waste management/prevention approach (easier, cheaper)
- Broker disposal for other groups collecting these materials in addition to starting our own collection schemes
- Work according to the waste management hierarchy, and prioritize mechanical recycling





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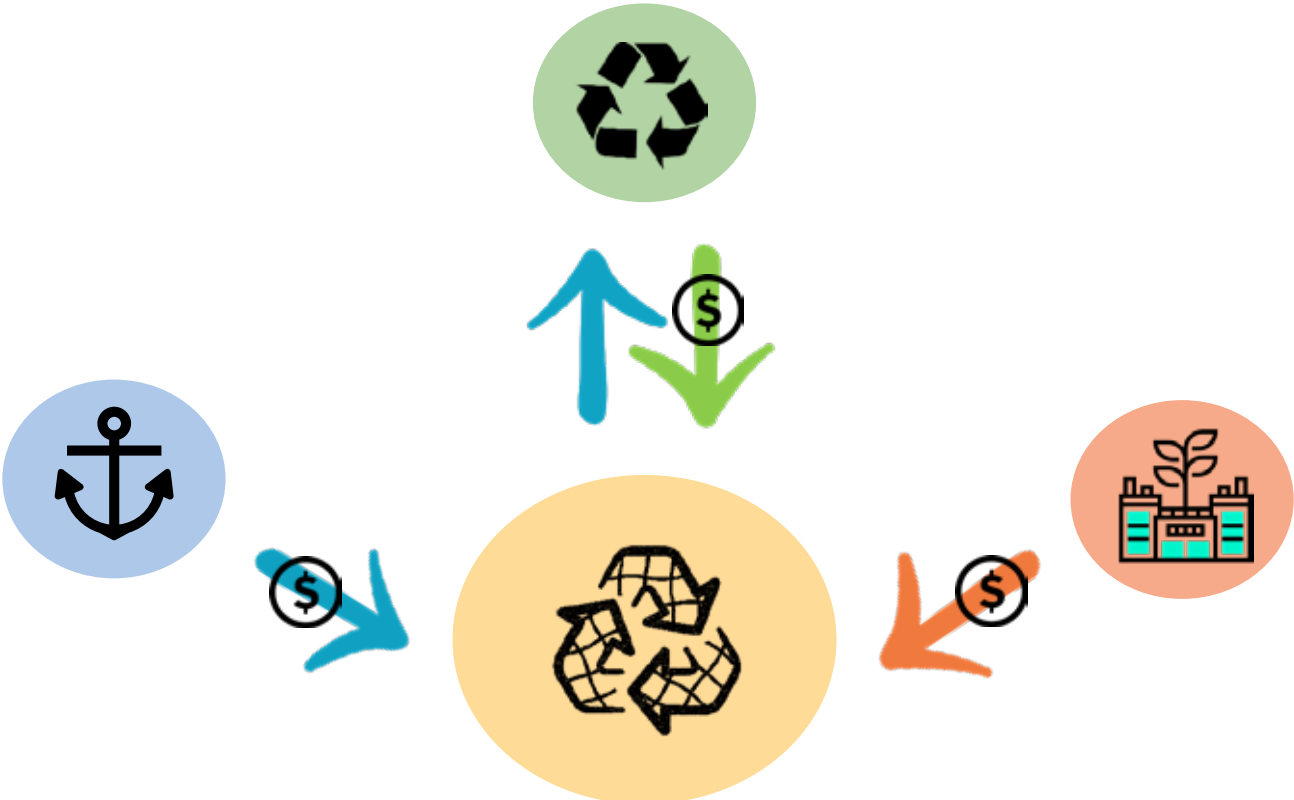
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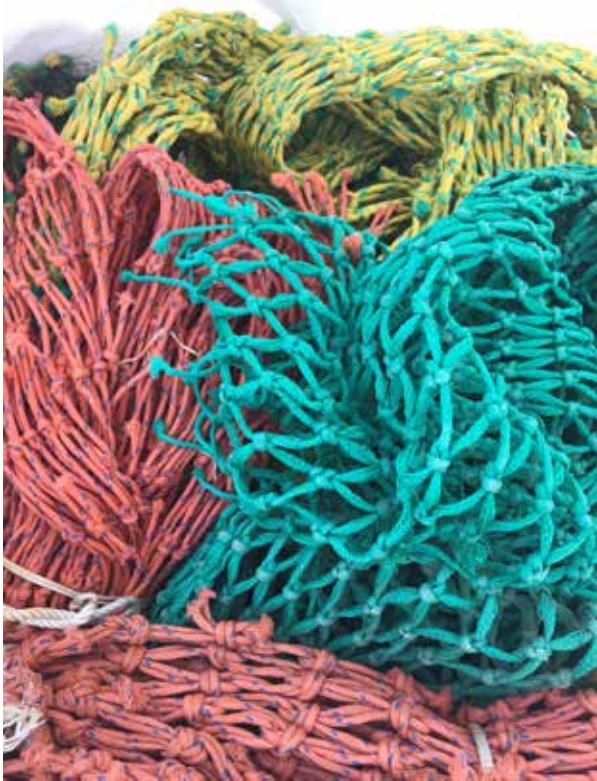


# How We Make Money



# We Accept End of Life Marine Plastics

Netting and line or parts thereof that can no longer fulfill their designated function or are at the end of their useful life and as such, the owner discards or intends or is required to discard or dispose





Our Impact:  
We have diverted  
over 2.2 million lbs  
of netting and line  
from the landfill and  
environment

# Collaboration with Harbors

- § There are many different ways a harbor can be involved
  - § provide a drop off location for gear that is secure
  - § provide staff for drop off inspections
  - § add a recycle fee to moorage/slip fees
  - § purchasing
- § Even if the community doesn't have recycling, doesn't mean the harbor cant
- § Collaborating together can help harbors/communities achieve sustainability and/or waste diversion and/or carbon emission reduction goals to publish in yearly or impact reports

# Thank you for your time and connect with us!

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