



What are we doing to encourage proper disposal of monofilament line?

- Recycle bins like the one in the picture below have been installed all across the county at key water access points such as boat ramps, parks, canoe launches, fishing piers and other locations that are frequented by fishermen. We will soon be expanding the program to include more private and commercial establishments like our local marinas and larger multi-family condominiums.



North Siesta Key Bridge

- Used monofilament line is placed into the bin rather than discarding it where it may end up in the marine environment. The line is then collected and sent to a private company where the line is recycled for practical uses such as artificial reefs.
- In order for this program to be successful, we need everyone's help. This county-initiated program will only be successful through a team effort by local organizations such as Mote Marine Laboratory, the US Coast Guard Auxiliary, Pelican Man's Bird Sanctuary and other dedicated volunteers from our community. We hope that with a high level of community support and volunteering, the bins will be monitored and maintained mostly by volunteers. We hope to establish a program similar to Adopt-a-Highway...but in this case...Adopt-a-bin.



Manasota Key Boat Ramp