Conservation Working Group Recommendations: Marine Debris

1. Policy Strategies:
   - Work in tandem with communities’ efforts to comply with storm drain runoff regulations
   - Collaborate with water quality efforts
   - Work with various discharge permit holders
   - Lead by example, creating and sharing MBNMS best practices
   - Write letters of support for local advocacy efforts, e.g., bag ban letter
   - Meet and discuss the issue with community/government leaders

2. Data Aggregation Strategies:
   - Facilitate data aggregation via a 3 to 5 year pilot program
   - Standardize type of data collected
   - Standardize reporting protocols
   - Decide how data will be used

3. Education and Outreach Strategies
   - Incorporate plastic pollution info into existing education programs
   - Work with business and tourism
   - Include education and outreach criteria in requirements for business certification
   - Create a best practices guide

4. Research and Monitoring Strategies:
   - Suggest research topics to RAP and/or other research entities