**WebQuest Description**: Students will explore and identify causes that are polluting our oceans and beaches. Students will research relationships between humans, animals, and the ocean.

**Grade Level**: College / Adult

**Curriculum**: English / Language Arts

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**Introduction**

Everyone loves a day at the beach. Let's take a break from the classroom and go visit the ocean. WAIT! The sign says "BEACH CLOSED--Due to Contamination." Serious illness can result if you swim at this beach! What do you think happened? How can we make the beach safe again? Ocean pollution, also known as marine pollution, is the spreading of harmful substances such as oil, plastic, industrial and agricultural waste, and chemical particles into the ocean. Since oceans provide a home to a wide variety of marine animals and plants, it is the responsibility of every citizen to play his or her part in making these oceans clean so that marine species can thrive for a long period of time.

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**Process**

**Your task is to research and identify effects of plastic in the ocean on people and marine life.**

1. **Complete the worksheet located in the process section with this information.**
2. **Watch the short video on the Pacific Garbage Patch and Ocean Pollution from Plastic.** Remember to focus on and makes notes effects of the pollution on people and marine life.
3. **Read the article about Marine Debris.** Remember to focus on and makes notes effects of the pollution on people and marine life.
4. **Watch the video and listen to the song "Our Plastic, Our Problem". Remember to focus on and makes notes effects of the pollution on people and marine life.**

**Post to Laulima and bring a copy to class for discussion.**