

If I were a mayor of Capitola
what would I do?

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A few days ago I had the
opportunity to go to the O'Neil program.
Me and my friends enjoyed it.

There were lots of fun activities, but
the most fun was when they taught us
about echolocation and how marine
animals use it to survive. But there was
just one problem, there was plastic in the
ocean! you may be thinking, "Why is this
such a problem?" but it really is because
sea animals use echolocation to survive,
this means that when the animal makes
a noise the sound waves travel until
they hit something then they bounce back

to the animal. This is how they now
where things are. This works with almost
anything including food, predators, and
ships. The problem is it doesn't work
with plastic so these poor animals either
eat the plastic or get stuck in it.

My idea to solve this problem or
a mayor is to invent a program that
would take place every year in both
private and public schools.

Kids would learn how to clean
after themselves and protect the ocean. At
the end of the program, students will
take a quiz to see what they've learned.
The purpose of the program is for kids
to remember that living beside the
beach is a blessing but also a
responsibility.