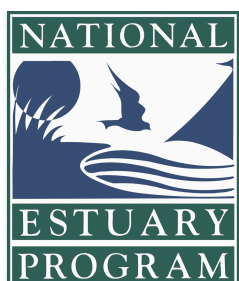


A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE ALBEMARLE-PAMLICO NATIONAL ESTUARY PARTNERSHIP



1972

The **Clean Water Act** is established by the federal government, strengthening water pollution regulations.



1987

The **U.S. EPA National Estuary Program (NEP)** is established.

The **Albemarle-Pamlico Estuarine Study (APES)** becomes one of the first NEPs. Its goal is focused research to discern the status and needs of the Albemarle-Pamlico estuarine system and watersheds.



1996

One of the initiatives recommended by APES, the **North Carolina Clean Water Management Trust Fund**, is established.



2001

A **Memorandum of Agreement** is signed between the N.C. Dept. of Natural Resources and V.A. Dept. of Conservation and Recreation, enhancing opportunities for collaboration between the two state agencies.

2004

APNEP begins facilitating ongoing collaborative efforts to monitor **submerged aquatic vegetation** in the region.



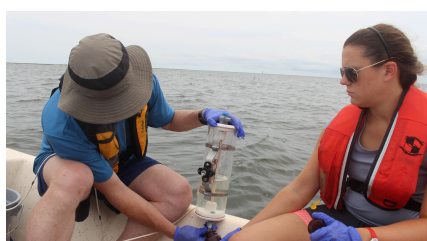
2011

APNEP publishes a **regional map** of submerged aquatic vegetation (SAV) based on aerial and field monitoring that was conducted in 2006-2008.

Shad in the Classroom, an annual environmental education and restoration program, begins.

2015

APNEP conducts field sampling for 33 APNEP intensification sites as a part of the U.S. EPA's **National Coastal Condition Assessment**.



2017

1983

The **Chesapeake Bay Agreement** is established by the federal government as one of the first collaborative efforts to protect and restore estuaries.



1991

APES publishes a **technical analysis** of the status and trends of the Albemarle-Pamlico estuary system.

1994

APES' **Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan (CCMP)** is published. APES becomes the **Albemarle-Pamlico National Estuary Program (APNEP)** and its focus shifts to CCMP implementation.

1998

The **North Carolina Estuarium** opens to the public in Washington, N.C. A result of APES' discussions, the Estuarium is a center for estuarine education in the region.

2004

APNEP begins funding an annual **Summer Teacher Institute** to promote hands-on watershed education.



2009

APNEP Policy Board approves staff proposal to incorporate **ecosystem-based management (EBM)** into the upcoming CCMP update. Staff begin to assemble a team of stakeholders to work on this task.

2012

APNEP publishes an **updated CCMP** and Ecosystem Assessment. APNEP's name is changed from a "program" to a **"partnership,"** reflecting emphasis on collaboration to accomplish goals.



2016

Two APNEP-commissioned **studies** - an economic analysis of N.C. shellfish habitat and an initial economic valuation of the Albemarle-Pamlico watershed's natural resources - are published.

APNEP celebrates its **30th anniversary**.