**2020-22 APNEP Program Focus Areas & Ongoing Projects**

**20 May 2020**

* **SAV (integrated w/ Water Quality)**
  + Facilitate SAV Team Meetings - In Progress / Limited
  + Economic Evaluation - Contracted / In Progress
  + Habitat Mapping - Contracted / In Progress (no field work this season)
  + Outreach/Education/ Engagement – planned/ Limited at present
* **Water Quality**
  + NC Nutrient Criteria Development: Chowan/Albemarle Sound - Lead by NC DWR, In Progress
  + Development of chlorophyll-a standards for protection of SAV - Contracted / In Progress

* **Coastal Ecological Flows** 
  + Facilitate Team Meetings - In Progress / Limited
  + Pilot Study & Model Development - In Development
* **Oyster Habitat (Restoration)** 
  + Support of Restoration Actions in Oyster Blueprint, FMP & CHPP in support CCMP - In Progress
* **Living Shorelines**
  + Facilitate Team Meetings - In Progress / Limited
  + Marine Contracts Education Workshop & Manual Development - In Development
    - * **Government and Communities**
  + NOAA-MNBF Resiliency Project - In Progress / Limited
  + Coastal Community Resiliency Community of Practice - In Progress / Limited
  + Tribal Communities Resilience Project- In Progress
  + Stronger NC / VA Relations- In Progress
    - Governors’/ EPA Agreement - In Development
    - Community Resilience Forums – No Progress
    - Reestablish VA DEQ/DCR Liaison - In Development
  + Local Government Program Development for 2021+ [APNEP] – No Progress
  + EO80/ Natural & Working Lands Related [TBD] - In Progress / Limited
* **Monitoring Plan Development** [Required 12/2020]
  + SAV - In Progress
  + Water Quality {*Relative to SAV and Oyster Habitats*} - In Progress
  + Air Resources MAT - In Progress / Limited
  + Publication and Dissemination – No Progress
* **Ecosystem Assessment Development for 2021** – 2021
  + Assessment Publication
  + Technical Assessment Publication
    - **Education/ Engagement** 
      * + Shad in Classroom Spring 2020-21 - Adjusted
        + Teacher Institute Summer 2020-21 – Pending Covid-19 guidance
        + Education/ Engagement RFP Development for 2022 Implementation – Under team review
* **2022 CCMP Revision/ Update** - to begin in 2021
* **Leadership Council Action Items from 2020 Strategic Planning Meeting** **-** Submitted
  + - * **Coastal Habitat Protection Plan (CHPP)** 
        + Implementation/ Revision - In Progress

Issue papers

Submerged Aquatic Vegetation Protection and Restoration, with Focus on Water Quality Improvements - In Progress

Wetland Protection and Enhancement, with Focus on Nature-Based Methods - In Progress

Reducing Inflow and Infiltration associated with Wastewater Infrastructure to Improve Coastal Water Quality - Pending

Habitat Monitoring to Assess Status and Regulatory Effectiveness - In Progress

* + - * + DEQ Coastal Habitats Forum – Fall, 2020 – Unknown
* **Aquatic Nuisance Species Plan** - In Progress (Draft pending review)
* **Scuppernong River Project** – Delayed/Unknown

**Routine Items**

* EPA Workplan Development & Grant Management - In Progress
* EPA / GPRA Habitat Assessment & Leverage Reporting - August 2020
* Leadership Council and STAC Coordination & Facilitation - In Progress
* 2022 APNEP Conference - Planning will begin early 2021