

**Albemarle-Pamlico National Estuary Program
Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee Quarterly Meeting
May 5, 2005
Greenville Center, Greenville, North Carolina**

MINUTES

Call to Order

Nancy White, STAC Co-Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. After welcoming those present, she called for a motion to approve the February 2nd meeting minutes. Wilson Laney made one correction; _____ made a motion that the minutes be approved, with _____ providing the second. The motion carried.

APNEP Update

Dean Carpenter, APNEP Science Coordinator, provided an update on APNEP activities since the February meeting, including the following:

- L. Jean Palmer-Moloney (ECU) is now the Recorder during quarterly STAC meetings
- STAC Executive Board held a teleconference on April 6 and their next meeting will be in late June
- The schedule for upcoming quarterly meetings are August 3rd and 4th (Johnson Community College in Smithfield, NC); October 31; and February 1
- The draft Governor's Executive Order authorizing APNEP's new governing structure is being reviewed by the Governor's senior staff
- EPA's National Estuary Program Implementation Review Team will be visiting APNEP June 7-9 as part of NEP's once-every-three-year audit of APNEP
- APNEP is seeking Science & Technology liaisons with DENR divisions and other appropriate state agencies (many such liaisons were in attendance)

Indicator Development by the Atlantic Coast Environmental Indicators Consortium

STAC member Hans Paerl briefed the committee on the results of an indicator development initiative by the Atlantic Coast Environmental Indicators Consortium.

Chesapeake Bay Program's Science & Technical Advisory Committee (STAC)

Committee members were invited to enjoy lunch while Carl Hershner, Director of the Center for Coastal Resources Management at the Virginia Institute of Marine Sciences, briefed the group on his experiences as a STAC member and as STAC chairman. Following the formal presentation, the committee discussed lessons that can be learned from the STAC Chesapeake Bay Program.

STAC Indicator Development Teams

Doug Rader, STAC Indicator Work Group Leader, distributed a list of proposed teams and proposed APNEP indicators. Many committee members participated in open discussion re: what was to be measured and how and over what time scale. Stan Riggs recommended opening up team composition to other new scholars who might be willing to contribute. Many committee members wanted team member clarification; some did not feel comfortable in the indicator group to which they were assigned. The structure of the two-day indicator meeting/workshop scheduled for August was reconsidered in light of the continuing questions centered on defining parameters and groups. The meeting will still take place, however its focus is being reconsidered.