

# Transitions: Albemarle-Pamlico Sounds NEP

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# *Overview*

- ◆ APNEP History
- ◆ 2002 Implementation Review
- ◆ Steps Taken
- ◆ Views on the STAC
- ◆ Next Steps



# *APNEP History*



- ◆ NEPs- Estuaries of National Significance
- ◆ 1987- One of the original 28 NEPs
- ◆ CCMP approved in 1994
- ◆ Key management issues: water quality, habitat protection & fisheries

# 2002 Implementation Review

- ◆ Not making adequate CCMP progress

- ◆ Future funding contingencies:

- ◆ Create independent identity

- ◆ Hire adequate staff

- ◆ Create a STAC

- ◆ Spend money!

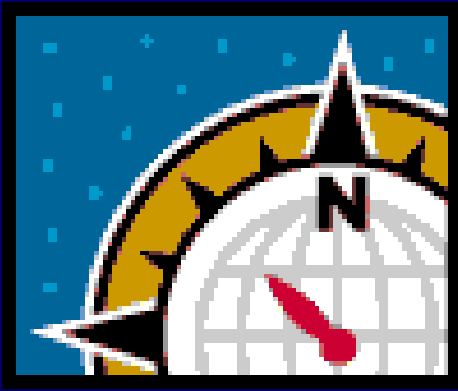


# *Steps Taken:*

- ◆ Hire Bill Crowell as Director and State Field and Science coordinators
- ◆ Relocate from Div. of Water Quality to Office of Conservation and Community Affairs
  - Closer to Gov
- ◆ Liaison with NC Div. of Coastal Management
- ◆ Establish STAC
- ◆ Spent money!



# Views on the STAC

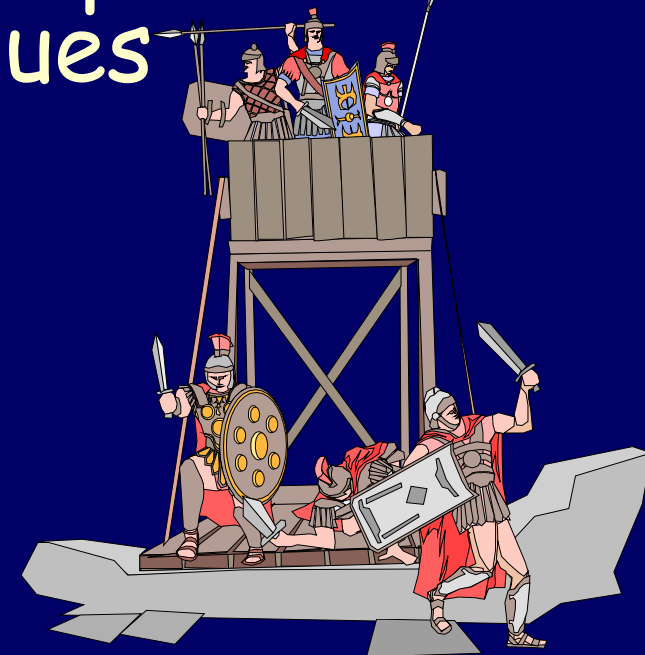


## ◆ Thoughts from other NEPs:

- Big picture scientific questions
- Limit "approval" process
- Evolve-- adapt
- Smaller workgroups to deal with technical issues



- STAC oversight on projects
- Assist in volunteer and outreach efforts



# *Next Steps*

- ◆ Complete monitoring strategy
- ◆ Develop NEP indicators of success
- ◆ Establish implementation priorities



