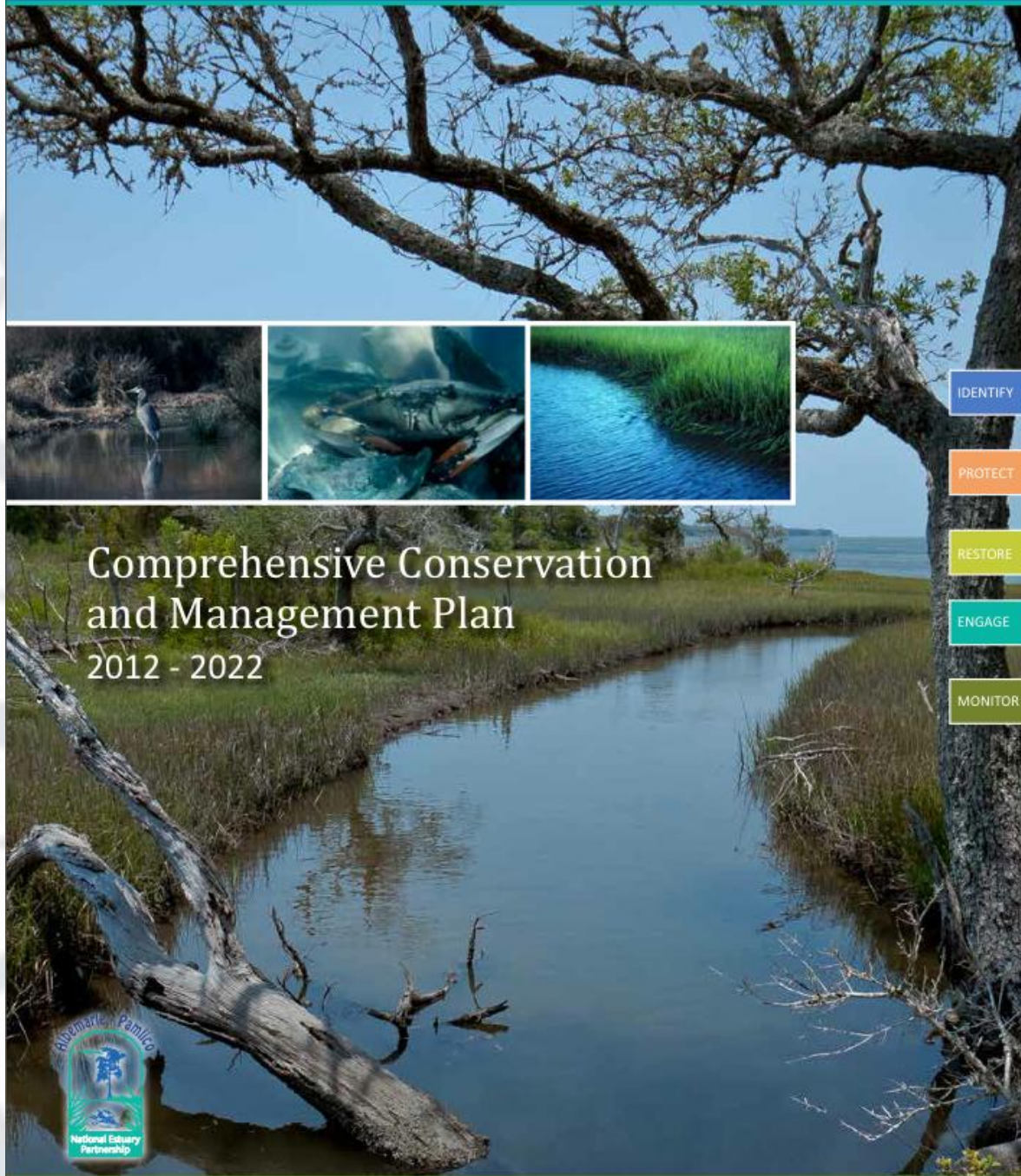# *CCMP et al.*

Jimmy Johnson, Coastal Habitat Coordinator
Albemarle-Pamlico National Estuary Partnership

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Craven Boardroom
3:45 – 4:15pm

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Comprehensive Conservation
and Management Plan
2012 - 2022

IDENTIFY

PROTECT

RESTORE

ENGAGE

MONITOR

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APNEP's Mission

"… to identify, protect, and restore the significant resources of the Albemarle-Pamlico estuarine system."

Governor's Executive Order #133

*"Whereas, the Albemarle-Pamlico National Estuary **Partnership** (APNEP), formerly known as the Albemarle-Pamlico Estuary ~~Program~~..."*

"APNEP has taken a partnership approach to achieve its mission. Protection of the Albemarle-Pamlico estuarine system is an enormous undertaking, and the resources directly allocated to APNEP are limited. APNEP seeks to overcome this hurdle by leveraging partnerships among governments, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), academia, and the public to make significant improvements for the sounds. As a result of its broad reach, APNEP is well positioned to fill gaps and identify synergies among its partners."

108+ Partners

Education Partners – 12

Federal Government Partners – 16

Marine and Field Laboratory Partners – 7

Museum, Aquarium, and Historical Site Partners – 14

Nonprofit Partners – 23

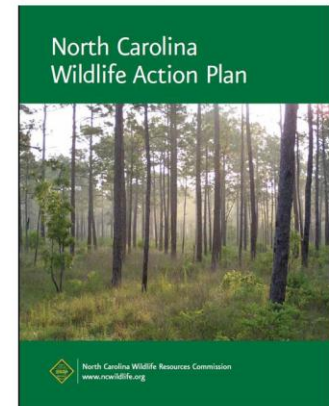NC State Government Partners – 22

Tribal Partners – 6

VA State Government Partners - 8

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Partner Plans

At least 42 individual Action Plans and Strategic Plans were reviewed prior to writing the new CCMP. Included in the review were the following:

- ➢ DENR 2009-2013 Strategic Plan
- ➢ 2010 NC Coastal Habitat Protection Plan
- ➢ NC Wildlife Action Plan
- ➢ VA Healthy Waters Initiative
- ➢ VA Division of Environmental Quality Strategic Plan
- ➢ TNC Banks and Sounds Conservation Action Plan
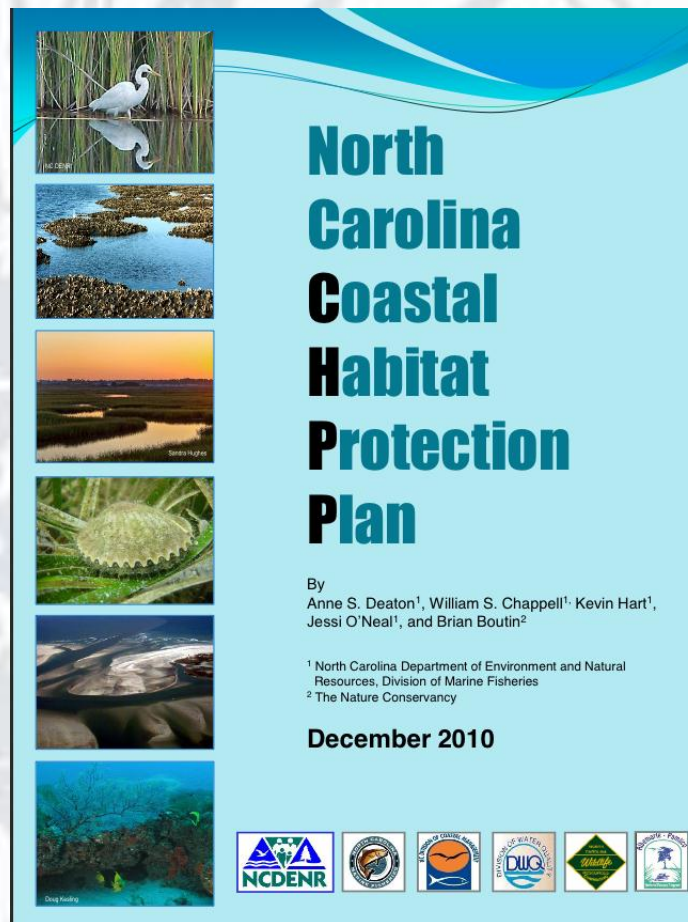- ➢ Governor's South Atlantic Alliance Action Plan

Actions and Partners

As part of the planning process, APNEP has coupled the recommended actions, contained within the CCMP, with regional partners who will be integral to their implementation. The recommended actions are broken down into 5 separate components: *identify, protect, restore, engage* and *monitor*.

The CCMP and the CHPP

Why Two Plans?

➢Two differing geographical boundaries
  ➢CCMP: NE North Carolina and SE Virginia
  ➢CHPP: North Carolina Coastal Waters

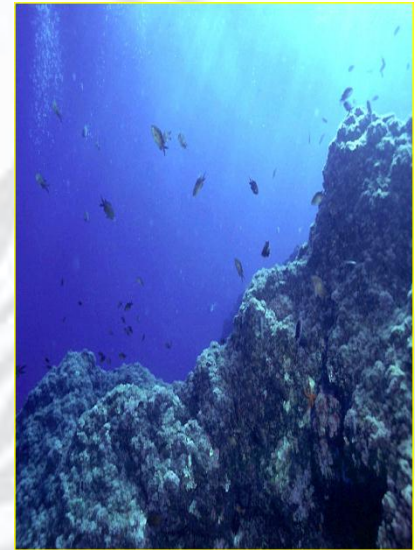➢Two differing primary purposes and authorities
  ➢CCMP: "To identify, restore, and protect the significant resources of the Albemarle-Pamlico estuarine system." (Clean Water Act, Amendment 320 in 1987)
  ➢CHPP: "…long-term enhancement of coastal fisheries associated with each habitat." (G.S. 143B-279.8 - Fisheries Reform Act of 1997)

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Why Two Plans?

➢Different responsible parties
  ➢CCMP: APNEP Staff, Policy Board, EPA
  ➢CHPP: NC DENR and its agencies

➢Differing habitats associated with the plans
  ➢CCMP: Submerged and intertidal habitats, estuarine and marine, freshwater habitats and human communities
  ➢CHPP: Submerged and intertidal habitats, estuarine and marine

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How Does the CHPP Support the CCMP?

Support for the CCMP comes through work done in the A-P Region to protect and restore habitat. An example would be the designations of Strategic Habitat Areas 1, 2 and 3 (SHAs).

Also, recommendations in the CHPP regarding habitat and water quality improvements work to enhance resources in the A-P Region. Both plans note specific issues where working together will advance habitat conservation. Two examples would be the SAV Workgroup and the Oyster Restoration Workgroup.

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How Does the CCMP Support the CHPP?

The CCMP supports the CHPP through the Integrated Ecosystem Assessment associated with the CCMP. As has been stated, many of the CCMP goals have been written to intentionally support a number of the CHPP recommendations. The CCMP promotes research through their Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee (STAC) that is also important to CHPP implementation.

Questions?

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