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## The Albemarle-Pamlico National Estuary Partnership

# Sound Stories

February 2019



We would be lying if we said that we aren't looking forward to warmer and sunnier weather here at the APNEP office, but recent rainy days have also given us the opportunity to focus our efforts indoors this month. We've been hard at work transitioning our old website over to a new platform - stay tuned for its unveiling in mid-March!

We are also excited to be participating in the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality's [climate change initiatives](#), part of [NC Executive Order 80](#), and are working with our partners to identify how we can best contribute to climate change resiliency and adaptation efforts in both North Carolina and Virginia.

the extent and density of underwater grasses in our region, as well as to discuss this year's plans for monitoring this valuable resource. Stay tuned for the publication of the official 2012-2013 SAV map in the next few months!

Sincerely,  
Dr. Bill Crowell  
APNEP Director

## APNEP News



### APNEP Director Facilitates Panel at NC Interagency Climate Change Council Meeting

*Photo Credit: Daily Advance.* Check out a summary of the [Climate Change Interagency Council's](#) most recent meeting, where APNEP Director Bill Crowell moderated a panel of local stakeholders in a discussion of potential climate change and sea level rise impacts on eastern North Carolina. [Leadership Council](#) Co-Chair Holly White of the Town of Nags Head and [Science and Technical Advisory Committee](#) Co-Chair Brian Boutin of the Nature Conservancy participated on the panel.



## North Carolina Oyster Summit 2019

### Oyster Summit on March 12th

The North Carolina Coastal Federation is hosting a 2019 Oyster Summit on Tuesday, March 12th to present progress made in protecting and restoring North Carolina's oyster habitat, and as well as to discuss the future of oysters and shellfish farming in the state. APNEP is proud to be a sponsor of this year's summit.

#### Oyster Summit Details



### SciREN Coast Brings Opportunities to Share Resources with Educators

This month, APNEP staff had a great time sharing our lesson plans and other educator resources at the [Scientific Research and Education Network's](#) (SciREN) event at the NC Aquarium at Pine Knoll Shores. These lesson plans and resources, including river basin



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## Educator Resources

### APNEP Committee Updates

**February 12th** - APNEP's [Leadership Council](#) met to discuss recent APNEP projects, including feedback from 2018's EPA Program Evaluation and future program focus areas.

**February 27th** - APNEP's [Submerged Aquatic Vegetation \(SAV\) Team](#) met to discuss 2012-2013 SAV maps, as well as upcoming aerial mapping and field work efforts.



### Upcoming Events & Meetings

All meetings associated with APNEP's committees, Action Teams, and Monitoring & Assessment Teams are free and open to the public. For more information, please contact [apnep@ncdenr.gov](mailto:apnep@ncdenr.gov).

- **March 12th, 9:00am - 5:00pm** | [2019 NC Coastal Federation Oyster Summit](#) (NC Museum of Natural Sciences, Raleigh NC)
- **March 21st-22nd** | [NC Water Resources Research Institute Conference](#) (McKimmon Center, Raleigh NC)
- **April 30th, 10:00am - 3:00pm** | [APNEP Science and Technical Advisory Committee Meeting](#) (Greenville Center, East Carolina University, Greenville NC)
- **May 14th, TBD** | [APNEP Leadership Council Meeting](#) (Raleigh, NC)

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## Soundings Blog

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Interested in how living shoreline projects were impacted by Hurricane Florence and Tropical Storm Michael? Members of the [APNEP/NC Coastal Federation Living Shorelines Action Team](#) have some great before and after photos to share! Check out the second entry in this series for photos of shorelines being monitored by NC Coastal Reserve/NCNERR and Division of Coastal Management scientists.

Read the blog post

## Current Grant Opportunities



- March 8 - [EPA Environmental Justice Small Grants](#)
- March 15 - [Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission - Shellfish Aquaculture Research Consortia RFP](#)
- May 3 - [FY2019 319\(h\) Nonpoint Source Grant RFP](#)

Grant Details

## Partner Spotlight



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## WEBSITE

The NC Department of Environmental Quality's Division of Coastal Management has recently [unveiled a website](#) aimed at providing both coastal and non-coastal communities interested in climate adaptation and resilience with tools and resources. It includes a [comprehensive toolbox](#) can assist in helping communities understand hazards risk, conduct community-wide assessments or planning processes, and use mapping applications to aid in decision-making.

[Learn more](#)

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## What We're Reading

- [Beyond the Beach: African-American History in Coastal Carolina](#) (NC Sea Grant Coastwatch Currents)
- [America's Second-Largest Estuary is a Lagoon Full of Sharks](#) (Southern Fried Science)
- [For Ocean Fish, What Happens Upstream Doesn't Stay There](#) (Pew)



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