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The Albemarle-Pamlico National Estuary Partnership

Sound Stories

January 2019



Happy New Year from all of us at APNEP! This past year was a busy one for the Partnership, with progress made on the development of ecological indicators to monitor the health of the Albemarle-Pamlico estuarine system, coordination of committees focused on issues ranging from ecological flows to outreach and engagement, and APNEP's completion of our 5-year EPA program evaluation.

In 2019, we look forward to continuing to foster partnerships throughout our region, including [interstate North Carolina-Virginia initiatives](#) in service of our [2017 Memorandum of Understanding](#) between the two states. Additionally, we will be working on a bi-state level to support implementation of [NC Executive Order 80](#) and [VA Executive Order 24](#) in increasing our region's resilience to climate change.

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mapping and field work activities. Our work, in conjunction with that of our partners, will allow us to continue monitoring this vital habitat. Alongside a planned economic valuation of the region's SAV, this will help us quantify the value of this SAV habitat, which is estimated to be 3rd-most in the continental United States.

Sincerely,

Dr. Bill Crowell
APNEP Director

APNEP News



APNEP and NC Sea Grant Announce 2019 Joint Fellow

Congratulations to Erin Voigt, the recipient of the 2019 [APNEP/NC Sea Grant Joint Fellowship in Estuarine Research](#)! Since 2015, APNEP and NC Sea Grant have jointly funded a graduate student fellowship to conduct applied research within the North Carolina portion of the APNEP management area. Voigt's project will focus on marsh ecology, and will tackle the interaction of invasive species and marsh habitat structure.

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Upcoming Opportunities for AP Region Educators

Two February events in the Albemarle-Pamlico region will provide educators with the chance to increase their repertoire of interdisciplinary, science-focused curricula. On February 6th and 7th, [Project WET NC is hosting educator and facilitator trainings](#) for their water-focused Project WET curricula at [A Time for Science](#) in Grifton. On February 7th in Pine Knoll Shores, [SciREN Coast](#) will welcome educators and researchers for networking and exchange of research-based lesson plans. APNEP staff will be on hand at SciREN to share our [estuary-focused lesson plans](#); we hope to see you there!

[SciREN Coast Details](#)

[Project WET Details](#)

APNEP Committee Updates

January 9th - The NC Coastal Federation-facilitated [Oyster Steering Committee](#) met in early January to discuss the synergy of the NC Oyster Blueprint and the NC Shellfish Initiative, the upcoming Oyster Summit, and 2018's State of the Oyster Report.

January 17th - The APNEP and NC Coastal Federation co-facilitated [Living Shorelines Action Team](#) met to discuss the latest draft of the Living Shoreline Working Strategy and was provided updates from the Education and Outreach Subcommittee and Research Subcommittee.



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.

- February 1st, 9:00am - 12:00pm | [NC Aquatic Nuisance Species Management Plan Meeting](#) (Room 5001, 217 West Jones Street, Raleigh NC)
- February 7th, evening | [SciREN Coast Networking Event](#) (Pine Knoll Shores Aquarium, Pine Knoll Shores NC)
- February 12th, TBA | [APNEP Leadership Council Meeting](#) (Roanoke Rapids Welcome Center, Roanoke Rapids NC)
- February 27th, 9:30am - 4:00pm | [APNEP SAV Team Meeting](#) (UNC Institute of Marine Sciences, Morehead City NC)
- March 7th, 10:00am - 3:00pm | [APNEP Science and Technical Advisory Committee Meeting](#) (TBA)
- March 12th, 9:00am - 5:00pm | [2019 NC Coastal Federation Oyster Summit](#) (NC Museum of Natural Sciences, Raleigh NC)

Soundings Blog



Living Storm Protections, Part I

December 11th, 2018

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! In this first installment, ECU and NC Coastal Reserve researchers check out projects at the Rachel Carson NERR.

Current Grant Opportunities



February 4 - [2019 Healthy Watersheds Consortium Grants](#)

February 15 - [2019 EPA Environmental Justice Small Grants](#)

February 19 - [NFWF Resilient Communities Program RFP](#)

[Grant Details](#)

Partner Spotlight



Are you a real estate professional, homeowner, contractor, or landscape architect? Take advantage of the [NC Coastal Reserve and National Estuarine Research Reserve's Promoting Living Shorelines for Erosion Control](#) workshops on February 19th and 20th. The 2/19 workshop is targeted towards real estate professionals and property owners, while the 2/20 workshop is designed for contractors, architects, planners, and managers. Both will take place at the [Coastal Studies Institute](#) in Wanchese, NC and are free of cost.

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What We're Reading

- [From Floyd to Matthew: Vulnerable Populations Respond to Flooding in Eastern N.C.](#) (NC Sea Grant Coastwatch Currents)
- [State officials award grants for natural hazard planning projects](#) (NC DEQ)
- [Solar Farms Shine a Ray of Hope on Bees and Butterflies](#) (Scientific American)



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