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**The Albemarle-Pamlico National Estuary Partnership**

# Sound Stories

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January has already seen snow blanket the Albemarle-Pamlico region not once, but twice - while we've been enjoying the winter weather, we're also thinking fondly of spring and all the outreach activities and field work that await us with the arrival of warmer temperatures!

This month, we'd like to extend a warm welcome to Trish Murphey, the newest member of

addition to participating in other scientific and data analysis projects. You can read more about her background on our [staff page](#).

At APNEP, we're currently adapting the program to meet the requirements of Governor Roy Cooper's [Executive Order #26](#) and working to implement our 2017 [Memorandum of Understanding](#) between North Carolina and Virginia. However, our major priority these next few months is the final development of ecological indicators associated with APNEP's guiding document, the [Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan](#). Our [Monitoring & Assessment Teams](#) have been working diligently to come up with a list of potential indicators, such as water chemistry and vegetation coverage, that we can then use to assess the condition of the entire estuarine system. We look forward to sharing our list of indicators and the status of our assessment efforts throughout 2018!

Sincerely,

Dr. Bill Crowell  
APNEP Director

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# APNEP News



## Name Changes for APNEP Policy Board and Implementation Committee

Observant visitors to our website might have noticed a few small tweaks this past week. Because of changes in the language of our new [Executive Order](#), issued by NC Governor Cooper in November 2017, two of our Management Conference committees have [changed names](#)! Our Policy Board has been renamed as the [Leadership Council](#), and our Implementation Committee is now the [Implementation Advisory Committee](#). If you're

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## We'd Like to Welcome Trish Murphey to the APNEP Team!

APNEP would like to welcome a new staff member, Trish Murphey, to the APNEP team. Trish will be APNEP's Watershed Manager, working out of Morehead City, NC. In addition to helping facilitate APNEP's [Action Teams](#) and [Monitoring & Assessment Teams](#), Trish will participate in other scientific and data analysis activities. Trish comes to us from the NC Division of Marine Fisheries and brings a wealth of experience in fisheries science and in the development of NC Fishery Management Plans.

## Registration is Open for SciREN Coast!

The next [SciREN Coast networking event](#), which brings researchers and educators together to share K-12 lesson plans and other resources, will be February 15th at the North Carolina Aquarium at Pine Knoll Shores, NC. APNEP staff will attend to share some of our lesson plans and other resources with local educators - we hope to see you there!

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## APNEP Committee Updates

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implementation of the Oyster Restoration and Protection Plan for North Carolina: A Blueprint for Action 2015-2020. The efforts of this committee are aligned with APNEP's [objectives related to oyster habitat](#) within its [Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan](#). [Learn more about the Oyster Steering Committee](#).

Our [Wetland Resources Monitoring and Assessment Team](#) convened on January 24th to discuss a list of ecological indicators which will be used to assess the status of the Albemarle-Pamlico region's wetland ecosystems. [Learn more about the Wetland Resources Team](#).



## 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).

- **February 7th**, 9:30am - 4:00pm | [APNEP Submerged Aquatic Vegetation Monitoring & Assessment Team Meeting](#) (National Estuarine Research Reserve Offices, Beaufort NC)
- **February 14th**, 10:00am - 3:30pm | [APNEP Terrestrial Resources Monitoring & Assessment Team Meeting](#) (Location TBD)
- **February 16th**, TBD | [APNEP Human Dimensions Monitoring & Assessment Team Meeting](#) (Location TBD)
- **March 2nd**, 10:00am - 3:00pm | [APNEP Science & Technical Advisory Committee Meeting](#) (Greenville NC)

# Soundings Blog



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- 1/31/18 - [Five Star and Urban Water Restoration Grant Program 2018 RFP](#)
- 2/1/18 - [2018 Healthy Watershed Consortium Grant Program RFP](#)
- 2/5/18 - [2018 Clean Water Management Trust Fund Grants](#)
- 2/16/18 - [EPA Environmental Justice Collaborative Problem-Solving Program 2018 RFP](#)
- 3/15/18 - [EPA 2018 Environmental Education Local Grant Program](#)

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# Partner Spotlight



## UNC-TV Environmental Education Resources

Our friends at UNC-TV are covering a lot of environmental science these days! They have a weekly show, *Sci Tech Now North Carolina*, which airs on Wednesday nights at 7:30pm. They have also launched a [UNC-TV Science group](#) on Facebook and a [science website](#) that includes North Carolina science stories and free, 5-E lesson plans, aligned to NC science standards. Be sure to join the FB group and check out the science site!

## Bottomland & Swamp Forest Symposium Presentations Posted

If you missed 2017's Bottomland & Swamp Forest Symposium (maybe because you were at our Albemarle-Pamlico Ecosystem Symposium!) and are curious about recent research on the topic by the [N.C. Forest Service](#), [U.S. Forest Service](#), and [NC State College of Natural Resources](#), symposium presentations are [now available online](#).



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