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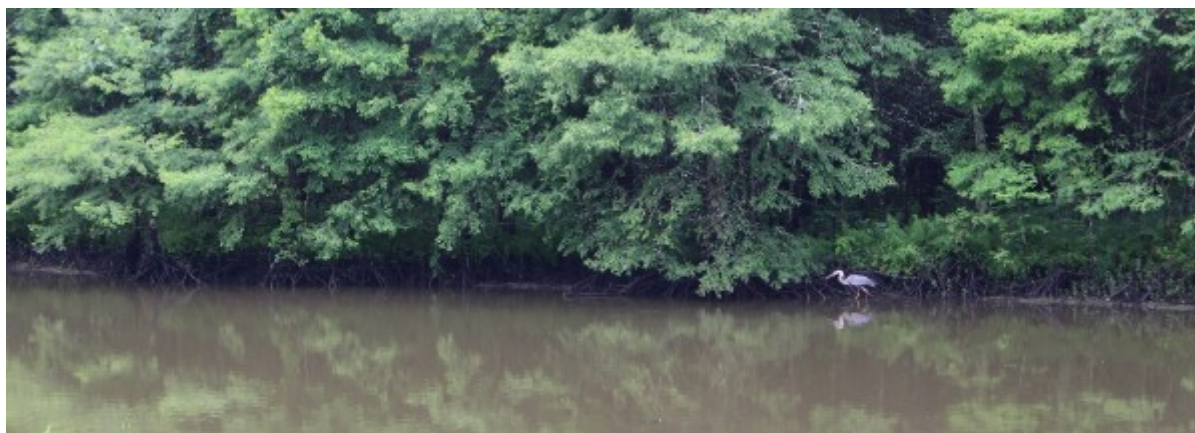
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**The Albemarle-Pamlico National Estuary Partnership**

# Sound Stories

June 2018



This month, the APNEP team would like to extend a warm welcome to [Heather Jennings](#), who has joined us as the Partnership's new Program Manager. Heather's responsibilities include managing APNEP's contracts and grants, leading the development of metrics and processes to track implementation of our [Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan](#) (CCMP), and facilitating APNEP [Action Teams](#).

Two of APNEP's Action Teams, our [Oyster Habitat Restoration Action Team](#) and Living Shorelines Action Team, will convene this July. Both of these teams are externally facilitated by our partners at the [North Carolina Coastal Federation](#) via, respectively, as

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implementing CCMP Actions associated with living shorelines and oyster habitat in the Albemarle-Pamlico region. You can [visit our website](#) or contact us at [apnep@ncdenr.gov](mailto:apnep@ncdenr.gov) for meeting details and updates.

Sincerely,

Dr. Bill Crowell  
APNEP Director

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# APNEP News



## Deadline is July 27 for APNEP and NC Sea Grant Joint Fellowship

APNEP is excited to announce that we are once again partnering with North Carolina Sea Grant to fund a joint 2018 [Graduate Fellowship in Estuarine Research](#). The Fellowship is open to graduate students in North Carolina and Virginia for conducting applied research within the North Carolina portion of Albemarle-Pamlico region. Applications are due by July 27th.

### Fellowship Details

## APNEP Welcomes New Program Manager

APNEP would like to welcome Heather Jennings as our new Program

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scientific research, and watershed restoration projects. Prior to joining APNEP, Heather served as the North Carolina 319h Nonpoint Source Grant Administrator.

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## Campers Discover the Importance of Water Quality at Hyde, Seek, and Discover

On June 12th, APNEP staff traveled to Lake Mattamuskeet National Wildlife Refuge to lead environmental education activities as part of the NC Cooperative Extension and Hyde County 4H's Hyde, Seek, and Discover Day Camp. Staff talked to campers about how we can take care of our waterways and explored water quality concepts through hands-on activities.

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APNEP's [Submerged Aquatic Vegetation Team](#) met on June 4th to discuss recent, ongoing, and future SAV monitoring and assessment activities, as well as recent updates of interstate policies on SAV protection. The Team also discussed potential strategies for increasing awareness of the ecological and economic value of SAV, including citizen engagement in monitoring and protection 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).

- **July 18th**, 10:00am - 2:00pm | [Northern Oyster Workgroup Meeting](#) (TBD)
- **July 25th**, 10:00am - 1:00pm | [Living Shorelines Steering Committee Meeting](#) (NC Coastal Federation Offices, Newport NC)

# Soundings Blog

## 5-Year Program Evaluation Highlights Past and Present Partnerships

*June 7th* - This May, APNEP staff and EPA representatives traveled across the region for the site visit portion of APNEP's

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visited project sites, spoke with partners, and discussed how we can continue to improve our effectiveness the next five years and beyond.

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## Current Grant Opportunities



- June 29 - [Community Forest and Open Space Conservation Program](#)
- July 10 - [Reducing Marine Plastic Pollution](#)
- July 12 - [Program to Support Tribal Resilience in Ocean and Coastal Management and Planning](#)
- July 29 - [NOAA Fisheries Saltonstall-Kennedy Program](#)

[Grant Details](#)

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## Partner Spotlight

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## Keep Tabs on Coastal Water Quality with the Division of Marine Fisheries

There's an easy way for beachgoers, anglers and other coastal water users to stay up-to-date on water quality in areas where they work and play. The NC Division of Marine Fisheries' Recreational Water Quality Program monitors the most popular public beaches and swimming areas throughout the summer. APNEP is proud to have provided funding to help support this program since 2016.

[Learn more](#)

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## What We're Reading

- [Shifting Shorelines: Inlet Atlas](#)
- [US Fish and Wildlife Service News, Spring 2018](#)
- [Managed Retreat, 99% Invisible Podcast](#)



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