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As cooler winds begin to blow and schools are back in session, we find ourselves in the midst of transition and new beginnings. It seems like an appropriate time to celebrate [National Estuaries Week](#) (September 19th-26th), as estuaries are home to constant change, circulation and new growth. Here are some of the things we've been up to and events we're looking forward to. We hope you can join us!

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## Triangle Sound Series: Dr. Reide Corbett

Join us for our final Sound Series event, "[Water, Water Everywhere](#)," on Thursday, September 24th at 7pm in the Daily Planet cafe at the N.C. Museum of Natural Sciences.

Dr. Reide Corbett is a Professor and Senior Scientist at East Carolina University and Program Head of Coastal Processes at the UNC Coastal Studies Institute. A North Carolina native, he will be bringing his expertise on water, sediment and nutrient dynamics in estuarine and open ocean environments to bear on North Carolina's changing coastline. Discover how new technologies are being used to understand the vulnerability of this ecologically and economically important region. Don't forget to bring your questions and a healthy appetite!

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## Jim is heading off to new waters!

This month we bid farewell to Jim Hawhee, our Policy and Engagement Manager of five years and an integral part of the APNEP team. Jim brought his wide-ranging skillset, diverse experiences, and positive energy to everything he did, and excelled at building and strengthening partnerships throughout the region. He will be greatly missed but we look forward to working with him at the Division of Water Resources!

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## Thank you for making SciREN a success!

Last Thursday, educators, parents, researchers, and environmental professionals came together in the N.C. Museum of Natural Sciences to exchange insights and share research-based STEM lesson plans as part of SciREN (the Science Research and Education Network). Led by a team of graduate students, SciREN provides an opportunity to bring cutting-edge research from university laboratories into classrooms across the state. Thank you to everyone who came out and made it such a rewarding experience!

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## The EENC Conference is almost here!

This year's Environmental Educators of North Carolina conference will take place on September 25th-27th at the Eastern 4-H Center on the southern shore of Albemarle Sound. We're excited for this year's theme of "Sound choices in Environmental Education," and look forward to seeing some familiar faces (and no doubt some new ones) as we share what we've learned in environmental education this year. Teachers and educators of all types are welcome, and there will be opportunities to earn continuing education and environmental education certification credits. Learn more at [eenc.org](http://eenc.org). We hope to see you there!

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## Next week is National Estuaries Week!

It's that time of year again! From September 19th to the 26th, people across the country will be celebrating the tremendous natural and cultural resources of our estuaries. In North Carolina, we are lucky to have the second



largest estuary in the United States, so take a moment to appreciate the beauty of our sounds, and if you can, get out to the water!

Join the conversation on social media by tagging your posts and tweets with [#EstuariesWeek](#) and [#CelebrateTheCoast](#).

## Grants

There's still time to apply for funding from the Atlantic Coastal Fish Habitat Partnership (ACFHP) for restoration and conservation of coastal fish habitats. Learn more on our [grants page](#).



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