

TAR-PAMLICO RIVER BASIN REGIONAL COUNCIL

Albemarle-Pamlico Regional Councils
"Kick-off" Meeting
September 25, 1997 -- Plymouth, NC

Results of Regional Councils break out sessions

During a break out session at the September 25th Regional Councils "Kick-off" Meeting, members of the Tar-Pamlico River Basin Regional Council were asked to respond to the following question:

What are the priority environmental concerns in your river basins?

Below are the results/answers given by members who participated in the break out session.

Concerns:

- Rampant development
- Nonpoint source pollution
- Point source pollution
- Identification of pollution sources
- Submerged aquatic vegetation
- Nutrient Sensitive Waters
- Intensive livestock operations
- Failing septic systems
- Quantity of groundwater
- Runoff of sediment & fertilizer from DOT projects
- Urban fertilization (golf courses, lawns)
- Industrial/Corporate landscape runoff (fertilizer)
- Spray irrigation
- Biodiversity loss
- Habitat fragmentation (need to plan for wildlife corridors)
- Deforestation
- Loss of wildlife
- Loss of wetlands
- Loss of riparian buffers
- Accumulation of poisons & metals in sediment and land application sites (need monitoring)
- Access to public lands
- Rare mussel species in the Tar-Pamlico River
- Awareness of Zebra Mussel (and other exotics)
- Environmental education
- Clearinghouse for data
- User friendly documents
- Inter/Intra- basin transfers
- Increased population
- Need a county and state sewage system
- Pursue river basin signs along highways
- Lack of alternatives to treat animal and municipal wastes
- Urban stormwater runoff
- Need for sound land use planning
- Land use plan implementation & enforcement

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Concerns (cont.):

- Growth management
- Concern that children being "cut-off" from the environment
- Endangered biological communities
- Clogged creeks and canals (dead water)
- Excessive and/or poorly planned drainage
- Fish kills
- Toxic dinoflagellate
- Adequacy of existing resources (Tar-Pam overshadowed by Neuse)
- Allocation of resources
- Deciding if something is perception or fact
- Standard operating procedures for monitoring