Science & Technical Advisory Committee
Fall Virtual Meeting
Albemarle-Pamlico National Estuary Partnership
1:00 pm – 3:00 pm
November 19, 2026

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AGENDA

1:00 p.m. **Call to Order** — Dr. Rua Mordecai, STAC Co-Chair
- Welcome & Introductions
- Agenda Review & Meeting Objectives
- Approval of Summer (August) 2026 Meeting Summary
- Public Comments
- Co-Chair Comments

1:10 p.m. **APNEP Staff Update** — Dr. Dean Carpenter, APNEP

1:40 p.m. **Discussion Topic: Indicator Template Prototype for APNEP Regional Ecosystem Assessment**
Doug Newcomb, STAC and Dr. Mordecai

To kickstart preparation for developing by mid-2027 a second-generation APNEP regional ecosystem assessment, STAC members Newcomb and Mordecai will present a prototype template for one of the indicators discussed at the last STAC meeting: natural landcover in floodplains. This second generation assessment will build on lessons learned from the development and use of the first generation 2012 ecosystem assessment.

2:10 p.m. **Discussion Topic: Documenting existing long-term monitoring networks in the Albemarle-Pamlico Basin** — Dr. Carpenter and Dr. Wilson Laney, STAC Co-Chair

APNEP is planning to produce a Comprehensive Conservation Management Plan (CCMP) Supplemental Monitoring Plan in early 2027. A major component of the monitoring plan is (1) documenting those existing long-term monitoring networks within the Albemarle-Pamlico Basin that support APNEP indicator metrics then (2) making recommendations to fill identified monitoring gaps for those same metrics. Soon after this meeting, STAC members will be granted access to help populate indicator monitoring tables so they can contribute their expertise in documenting the monitoring networks and suggest recommendations. This discussion will facilitate such STAC input.

2:50 p.m. **Action Items** — Dr. Mordecai

3:00 p.m. **Closing Comments & Adjournment**

Next Meeting:
18 February 2027

Note: The scheduled times for issue topics are estimates and may vary during the meeting.

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