



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

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AGENDA

- 1:00 p.m. **Call to Order** Dr. Wilson Laney, STAC Co-Chair
Welcome & Introductions
Agenda Review & Meeting Objectives
Approval of Summer (August) 2025 meeting notes
Public Comments
Co-Chair Comments
- 1:10 p.m. **APNEP Staff Update** Dr. Dean Carpenter, APNEP
- 1:30 p.m. **Discussion Topic: Survey of Monitoring & Assessment Candidates for 2026 Integrated Monitoring Network Pilot Waterscapes and Landscapes** Dr. Laney
- To support “planning” operations, one of four phases of APNEP’s adaptive management cycle, most APNEP’s monitoring and assessment teams (MATs) over the first half of this decade have evaluated periodically their candidate indicators and supporting metrics to build upon similar pre-2020 evaluations. The primary objective for each MAT has been to document these efforts to support two other adaptive cycle phases downstream, monitoring and assessment, for their respective regional ecosystem component. What sets this current planning effort apart from previous APNEP efforts is that through increased federal funding the Partnership has some capacity to not only refine previous indicator frameworks, but to expand the monitoring phase, by building upon APNEP’s success in submerged aquatic vegetation to enhance the “network of networks” of partner monitoring with the goal of forging an APNEP “observatory” to address comprehensively the basic guiding question, “What is the current condition of the Albemarle-Pamlico Estuarine System?” This meeting’s discussion topic is meant to set the stage for a more detailed monitoring and assessment discussion at the STAC’s spring workshop.
- 2:50 p.m. **Action Items** Dr. Laney
- 3:00 p.m. **Closing Comments & Adjournment**

Next Meeting:
14 May 2026

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

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