



**Science & Technical Advisory Committee
Summer Workshop
Albemarle-Pamlico National Estuary Partnership
10:00 am – 3:30 pm
13 August 2026**

Elizabeth City State University
G.R. Little Library
PW Moore Boardroom (Room 209)
11 Science Drive
Elizabeth City, North Carolina 27909

AGENDA

- 10:00 a.m. **Call to Order** Dr. Wilson Laney, STAC Co-Chair
Welcome & Introductions
Agenda Review
Approval of Spring (May) 2026 meeting notes
Public Comments
Co-Chairs' Comments
- 10:15 a.m. **APNEP Staff Update** Dr. Dean Carpenter, APNEP
- 10:30 a.m. **Discussion: Fundamental Objective 1, *Maximize Ecological Integrity***
Drs. Laney/Carpenter
This first session will involve member exchanges on evaluating APNEP's candidate indicators and supporting metrics through the prism of "ecological integrity", the first fundamental objective from a National Estuary Program objectives-indicator hierarchy.
- 12:30 p.m. **Networking/Lunch**
- 1:00 p.m. **Presentation: US Environmental Protection Agency's Quality Assurance Requirements**
Kelly Sommers, STAC
An overview of quality assurance requirements for data generated by all National Estuary Program units including APNEP.
- 1:40 p.m. **Discussion: Fundamental Objective 2, *Maximize Social Benefits***
Drs. Laney/Carpenter
This second session will involve member exchanges on evaluating APNEP's candidate indicators and supporting metrics through the prism of "social benefits", the second fundamental objective from a National Estuary Program objectives-indicator hierarchy.

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- 2:15 p.m. **Discussion: Fundamental Objective 3, *Maximize Economic Opportunities*** Drs. Laney/Carpenter
This third session will involve member exchanges on evaluating APNEP’s candidate indicators and supporting metrics through the prism of “economic opportunities”, the third fundamental objective from a National Estuary Program objectives-indicator hierarchy.
- 2:45 p.m. **Discussion: Fundamental Objective 3, *Maximize Stewardship*** Drs. Laney/Carpenter
This fourth session will involve member exchanges on evaluating APNEP’s candidate indicators and supporting metrics through the prism of “stewardship”, the fourth fundamental objective from a National Estuary Program objectives-indicator hierarchy.
- 3:15 p.m. **Action Items** Dr. Laney
- 3:30 p.m. **Closing Comments & Adjournment**

Next Meeting:
19 November 2026

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

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