

Albemarle-Pamlico Sounds National Estuary Program

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Fast Facts

Second largest estuarine system in nation, including five major river basins draining more than 30,000 square miles of land in NC and VA.

Includes 7 sounds, characterized by wind-driven tides and relatively shallow water.

Total population is rapidly approaching 2 million people.

Pamlico Sound is the cornerstone of NC's famous inshore fishery, generating millions of dollars annually.

17 kinds of waterfowl winter in Albemarle Sound



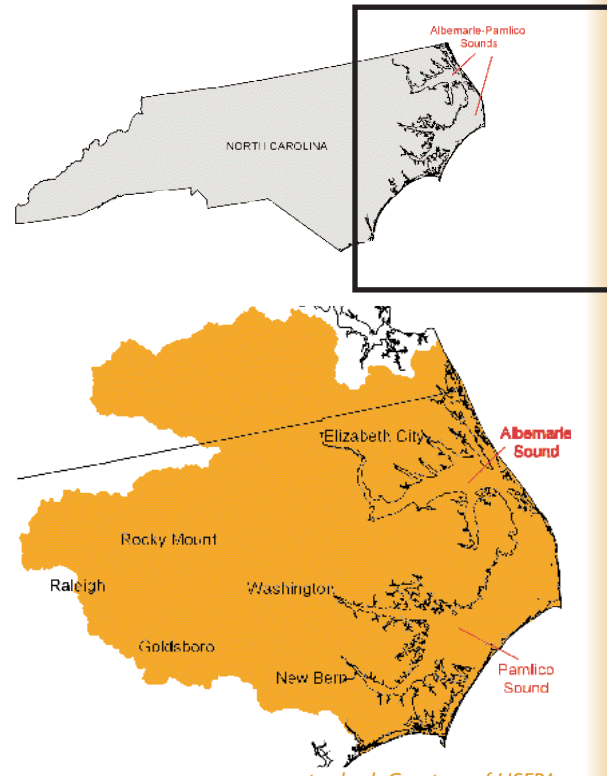
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Status Update & Next Steps

One of the first National Estuary Programs to complete its management plan. Four primary components: water quality, vital habitats, fisheries, and stewardship.

Water Quality: Through basin-wide management, the state will identify water quality problems, develop appropriate management strategies, maintain water quality standards and aquatic habitat, ensure equitable distribution of waste assimilative capacity for dischargers, and improve public awareness and involvement in management of surface waters.

Vital Habitats: Comprehensive basin-wide wetlands restoration plans will be



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Association of National Estuary Programs

The Association of National Estuary Program (ANEP) is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting responsible stewardship and a common vision for the preservation of our nation's bays and estuaries.

ANEP's Mission

Bring consistency to estuarine data collection and management, and turn data into useful information that is consolidated into meaningful status and trends at the national scale. Ensure that data are reliable, objective, and goal-directed. Achieve recognition of the critical roles for continued monitoring and assessment.

Educate the public on the meaning and practical application of "responsible stewardship." Ensure that the public understands the long-term nature of solutions to the environmental problems now facing bays and estuaries.

Achieve mutual support and coordination among all coastal programs. Enhance communication among NEPs and between NEPs and other coastal programs. Report both successes and failures to Congress and the American public, while understanding that through 'adaptive management' we can achieve effective management of our nation's bays and estuaries.

Seek explicit congressional support and commitment to implement Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plans (CCMPs). Capitalize on the hundreds of thousands of volunteer hours invested thus far, nationwide, and recognize the important role that Management Conferences play as a continuing forum for all stakeholders.

Achieve sufficient federal funding to strengthen the federal/state/local and public/private partnerships that have been fledged across the nation. Achieve stable funding for core program operations, project implementation, and local government pass-through dollars as incentive for regional, multi-jurisdictional cooperation.

