

MINUTES

ALBEMARLE-PAMLICO ESTAURINE STUDY

ALBEMARLY CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Piney Island Gun Club

and

Currituck Co. Courthouse

March 2, 1988

ATTENDANCE: Rader, Parks, McGeorge, Flowers, Stutts, Stallings, Hess, Chesson, Piland, Bryan, Nixon, Phillips, Barber, Cocoran and Giordano.

PRE-MEETING AGENDA: Several CAC members participated in a boat excursion on Currituck Sound. The four boats used were provided by their owners who guided the members. Upon completion of the tour, participants gathered at the Gun Club to conduct other pre-meeting activities.

Chairman Chesson called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm. Due to scant attendance at the pre-meeting portion of the regularly scheduled A-CAC meeting, Chairman Chesson waived the sub-committee break-out sessions and all present gathered around the table for group discussion. He referenced the sub-committee assignments and their respective charges. (See Attachment B)

Dr. Chesson briefly addressed the attendance and vacancy replacement process for the CACs. (See Attachment C) He reported that there were three (3) vacancies on the committee: John Gilliam Wood, Mary Harrell and Ralph Calfee. Dr. Chesson then called on Dr. Doug Rader to outline a proposed sequence relative to the second funding cycle "Call for Proposals." (See Attachment D) Upon discussion of the proposal Dr. Chesson asked for a consensus vote of approval. All present declared approval by acclamation and requested that it be brought before the full CAC for voting. Dr. Rader further reported that the writing (according to his outline) of the State of the Estuaries booklet (a first cycle funded UNC public participation project) was going to be contracted out, probably to Frank Tursi of the Winston-Salem Journal. This would entail an additional expense of approximately \$2,000.

Due to the lateness of the hour, Dr. Chesson adjourned the gathering and those present were joined at dinner by the boatmen participating in the boat trip held earlier in the day. Dinner was held at the Coinjock Marina Restaurant.

BUSINESS AGENDA

Currituck Co. Courthouse

ATTENDANCE: (See Attachment A)

Dr. Chesson called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. He extended welcome to the numerous citizens present and publically recognized and thanked Jim Merkert of the Piney Island Gun Club for his outstanding hospitality and for the use of the club's facility. He further recognized Williy Phillips and Chairman Derb Carter of the P-CAC and Bob Hester of the N.C. Wildlife Resource Commission. Chairman Chesson then asked for additions or deletions to the minutes of the previous meeting. There being none, he asked for a motion to accept the minutes as written. Motion was made by Bill Piland and seconded by Joe Stutts. Motion carried.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Dr. Chesson briefly outlined the sub-committee structure and the charge to each of the sub-committees explaining that break-out sessions of the sub-committees were not held earlier as planned due to insufficient attendance.

REPORT on EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING of 2/5/88:

Dr. Chesson reported on:

- 1.) the Executive Committee's concern regarding the process to be used for the second funding cycle Call for Proposals;
- 2.) the three (3) vacancies on the A-CAC created by the resignations of John Gilliam Wood, Mary Harrell and Ralph Calfee. He added that Dr. Polk Williams of Camden and Mr. Iredell Hassell of Tyrell Co. have agreed to fill the vacancies of Ms. Harrell and Mr. Wood respectively, pending approval by the Policy Committee. Mr. Calfee's resignation was only just received and a replacement is being sought. He called for a motion to accept the two (2) names placed in nomination. Motion by Bill McGeorge and seconded by John Stallings. Motion carried.
- 3.) plans for the 3/2/88 meeting of the full A-CAC were discussed

NOTE: For a more in-depth report on the A-CAC Executive Committee meeting held on 2/5/88, see the minutes of that meeting distributed in mid-February.

STAFF REPORT:

Dr. Rader informed the group of his impending job change. He has accepted a position to become the new senior NC scientist and national coastal scientist for the newly located (Raleigh) office of the Environmental Defense Fund. He assured the gathering that his departure would not be cause for the APES program to lose ground; that a replacement is actively being sought; and that he would not be far removed either physically, creatively or practically from the APES work. He thanked the CAC members for their support and commitment to the program.

In other staff business Dr. Rader reported that:

- 1.) the next staff person, the Information Management Coordinator would be

hired by the new Project Director. Recommendations of persons for this position should be directed to the Policy Committee.

2.) results of technical studies and public participation projects for this year are near;

3.) an end of March Call for Proposals seems imminent with in-hand proposals occurring by May 1 and June 1 should see decisions from the administrative board on the projects being funded;

4.) funding looks good for the next cycle with supplemental, matching and regular funds totaling approximately two million dollars; public participation funds will total approximately one hundred to one hundred fifty thousand dollars;

5.) a process for proposals for the second cycle was offered; (See Attachment D) Discussion ensued. Motion was made by Joe Stutts to establish the process of funding proposals as presented but also to include the addition of a CAC member from each CAC to be seated on the Peer Review Committee. Motion was seconded by Don Bryan. Motion carried.

The committee requested that status reports on the funded projects be regularly delivered at their CAC meetings.

RESOLUTION of MILITARY AIR SPACE EXPANSION PROPOSAL:

Don Flowers presented a resolution for consideration by the committee. (See Attachment E). Ted Bisterfeld of EPA Region IV responded to Mr. Flowers citing a response letter from EPA acting Regional Administrator, Lee DeHihns dated Dec. 17, 1987. He added that EPA was "committed to the APES and that perhaps the resolution could be introduced into consideration." Mr. Bisterfeld specified that North Carolina was not alone in its concern. Discussion ensued. Dr. Chesson called for a motion to approve the resolution. Bill McGeorge made the motion pending certain changes in the wording and it was seconded by Terry Pratt. (See Attachment E-1). Motion carried.

NOTE: For further and more complete information regarding the above, see minutes of Nov. 17, 1987 A-CAC and also minutes of the Feb. 5, 1988 A-CAC Executive Committee meetings.

REPORT from EPA:

Ted Bisterfeld reported that:

1.) Dr. Rader's resignation saddened him, but that he knew Dr. Rader was committed to the APES program and therefore would still be very actively involved;

2.) there is a new Regional Administrator for Region IV, Greer Tidwell. He will take over from acting Regional Administrator, Lee DeHihns, and it is not known at this time if Mr. Tidwell will succeed Mr. De Hihns on the Policy Committee of the APES;

3.) he was in possession of several very good examples of activities for public participation that he had gathered at a seminar in the Chesapeake Bay area in September. They consisted of a poster contest done by school children for the State of Va. Forestry Association; a citizens' monitoring effort to combat the improper use of storm drains by stencilling with spray paint "Don't Dump" on curbing where storm drains are located; and several colorful and graphic information sheets pertaining to river drainage basins.

REPORT on CURRITUCK SOUND MEETING 2/4/88:

Yates Barber reported on the attendance, important agenda items and follow-up to the Feb. 4, 1988 meeting. (See Attachment F) He elaborated on the number (29) of people who signed up at the meeting for involvement with Stream Watch. Since that time other volunteers have called offering their commitment. Mr. Barber indicated that an invitation to an organizational meeting in early April is in the offing.

CITIZENS' MONITORING PROJECT:

David McNaught, Executive Director of the Pamlico-Tar River Foundation reported that his group is organizing a modest endeavor (approximately 10 sites) along the Pamlico where citizens will dip water samples for analyzation and data collection. Dr. McNaught listed his science committee's recommendation of the water quality parameters to be used in the data gathering as: Water and Air Temperature, pH, Limits of Visibility and Turbidity, Salinity and Dissolved Oxygen Titration. He added that there would be limited monitoring on fecal coliforms. A workshop training volunteer monitors is to be held in Washington, at the PTRF office, on March 26th at 10:00 am. Data gathering will begin in early April. He indicated that money exists within his organization for the distribution of five (5) test kits to other areas. He acknowledged Yates Barber and Carolyn Hess and their respective groups as being recipients of two (2) of the extra five (5) kits. Discussion ensued. Ted Bisterfeld added that DEM needs to be involved in the citizens' monitoring program workshops. The quality assurance of the data should be the same as that of the state. On May 23-25th EPA is co-sponsoring a Citizens' Monitoring Workshop to be held in Rhode Island. Mr. Bisterfeld proposed sending a CAC member from each CAC to attend "on scholarship." Chairman Chesson called for a motion to approve Mr. Bisterfeld's proposal. Motion made by Mike Cocoran and seconded by Bill Piland. Motion carried. In further discussion the existence of funds for citizens' monitoring was revealed. A resolution reading:

The Albemarle Citizens' Advisory Committee of the Albemarle-Pamlico Estuarine Study urges immediate implementation of a basin-wide citizens' monitoring program to be funded out of the most readily available funds."

Motion to pass the resolution was made by Bill McGeorge and seconded by John Stallings. Motion carried.

REPORT from CITIZENS' AFFAIRS SUB-COMMITTEE of the TECHNICAL COMMITTEE:

Joan Giordano reported for Dr. Mike Orbach - Mrs. Giordano referred to the 2/25/88 memo sent by Dr. Orbach to the CACs and commented on the three (3) proposals. (See Attachment G). Discussion ensued. The committee decided to accept the proposals as written with the following modifications. Budget allocation to each CAC changed from \$3,000 each to \$10,000 each, the thought being that seminars, public meetings and other worthy public participation endeavors could be undertaken with the increase. A detailed budget is being prepared by Chairman Chesson. The second modification consisted of the deletion of the last sentence of the last paragraph in the administration component proposal. The third proposal was seen as unnecessary in light of prior action undertaken earlier in the day pertaining to the call for proposals. Motion to adopt as modified was made by Don Bryan and seconded by Bill Piland. Motion carried.

Derb Carter, Chairman of the P-CAC reported that their next meeting was being held on Saturday, March 5th in Washington, NC.

OTHER BUSINESS:

In other business a two part resolution was read regarding Dr. Rader's development of and his outstanding association with the APES. The second part of the resolution dealt with securing Dr. Rader's successor. (See Attachment H). Motion to accept the resolution into the minutes was made by Don Bryan and seconded by Bill McGeorge. The committee passed the motion by acclamation and presented Dr. Rader with a framed print of a N.C. wetland. Donation of the print was made by the N.C. Wildlife Federation on behalf of the Citizens' Advisory Committees of the APES.

Brief discussion was held on the Chowan River-Back Bay watershed. The committee advised that the Division of Environmental Management give priority to the watershed of the Albemarle Sound and all its tributaries and that there be a cooperative program developed with the state of Va. to improve the watershed and to achieve the same degree of control in these watersheds in Va. Motion by Bill McGeorge and seconded by Bill Piland. Motion carried.

Bill McGeorge discussed a n opportunity to meet with some of the principle players in Va. at a meeting being held at the Flyaway on April 10th. The purpose of the daylong gathering, which begins at noon, is a status update on Back Bay. Food and fellowship will be provided!! He urged attendance and reported that details would be mailed to the Policy Committee, Technical Committee and both CACs.

The next meeting will be held on May 12, 1988 at the Soundview on Hwy. 32 at the south side of the Albemarle Bridge.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 pm.

Albemarle Citizens' Advisory Committee
March 2, 1988
Piney Island Gun Club
&
Currituck County Courthouse

Pre-Meeting Agenda

- 12:00 - 3:00 *Boat Trip on Currituck Sound Meet at Piney Island Gun Club (see attached map)
- *Please remember to wear warm clothing as the weather is unpredictable at this time of year.
- 3:30 - 5:30 Subcommittee Meetings Piney Island Gun Club
- 5:30 - 7:00 Dinner (Dutch) Coinjock Marina Restaurant

Agenda (Revised)

Currituck County Courthouse

- 7:30 - 9:00 Meeting of Albemarle Citizens' Advisory Committee
1. Welcome Parker Chesson
 2. Subcommittee Reports
a) structure
b) plans
 3. Report on Executive Committee Meeting Parker Chesson
 4. Program Status Report APES Staff
 5. Report from E.P.A. Ted Bisterfield
 6. Report on 2/4/88 Currituck Sound Meeting Yates Barber
 7. Report from Citizens' Affairs Subcommittee of Technical Committee Mike Orbach
 8. Citizens' Monitoring Project Pamlico-Tar River Foundation Staff
 9. Report on Designation of Chowan River Basin as Nutrient Enriched Waters Captain Al Howard
 10. Resolution of military air space expansion proposal
 11. Special CAC Resolution Parker Chesson
 12. Other Business

A-CAC
Attendance
3-2-88

Attachment A

John G. Stallings -
Bill Filand
Wm. R. McGeorge
Darker Allen
Yates Barber
Don Bryan
Murray S. Nipon
Don Flamm
Paul Martin
Guy Murray
Dan Owen
Rod Cross
Ricky Nixon
Larry Zynck
Jim Elliott
KERMIT LAYTON
LARRY & FREDA JONES
Drew D. N. Light
Ben Jefferson
Gene Smith
Bill Yeager
Mike Craft
Jim Wheeler
Bobb & B. Smith
Michael Burchett
Randall Gregory
Bobby Bell

John S. Slaughter
Jimmy Jones
Gene Smith
L. E. Carson
Nancy Sanderlin
Marta Davis
Randy Barco
Karen Pierce
Walker O'Neal, Jr.
S. T. H. Roberts
Bob Hester
Maurice P. Deuch
Richard Saunders
Gwanda Sellers
Harold Monat
G. W. Austin
James L. Markert
Jerry W. Wright
Robert J. Payne
Floyd A. Hawkins
C. B. Brown
Maurice Sluts
Tullman Merrill
Dawn Parks
Dere Carter

Subcommittee Assignments

Program Review Subcommittee

Don Bryan
Jimmy Jenkins
Don Flowers
Chuck Little
Bill Piland
Bill Richardson
A. B. Whitley
Gerald Perry
John Acree

This committee will monitor and review overall program activities and examine the structure and operation of the APES program in the context of the total objectives. It will suggest ways in which the program can be more responsive to public concerns and interest.

Technical Review/Environmental Issues Subcommittee

Terry Pratt
John Stallings
Joe Wright
Glen Wood
Yates Barber
W. C. Witherspoon
Quentin Bell
Murray Nixon

This committee will review proposals for research and advise the CAC on research funding priorities and pending action on environmental issues. The committee will work in concert with the Technical Committee of the APES which has a similar charge.

Public Awareness/Governmental Relations Subcommittee

Bill McGeorge
Al Howard
Carolyn Hess
Mike Corcoran
Mikey Daniels
Rob Powell
Joe Stutts
Earl Rountree
Lloyd Ballance

The primary role of this committee is to increase public awareness and involvement in program activities. In addition it would provide liaison to local governments.

PROCEDURES

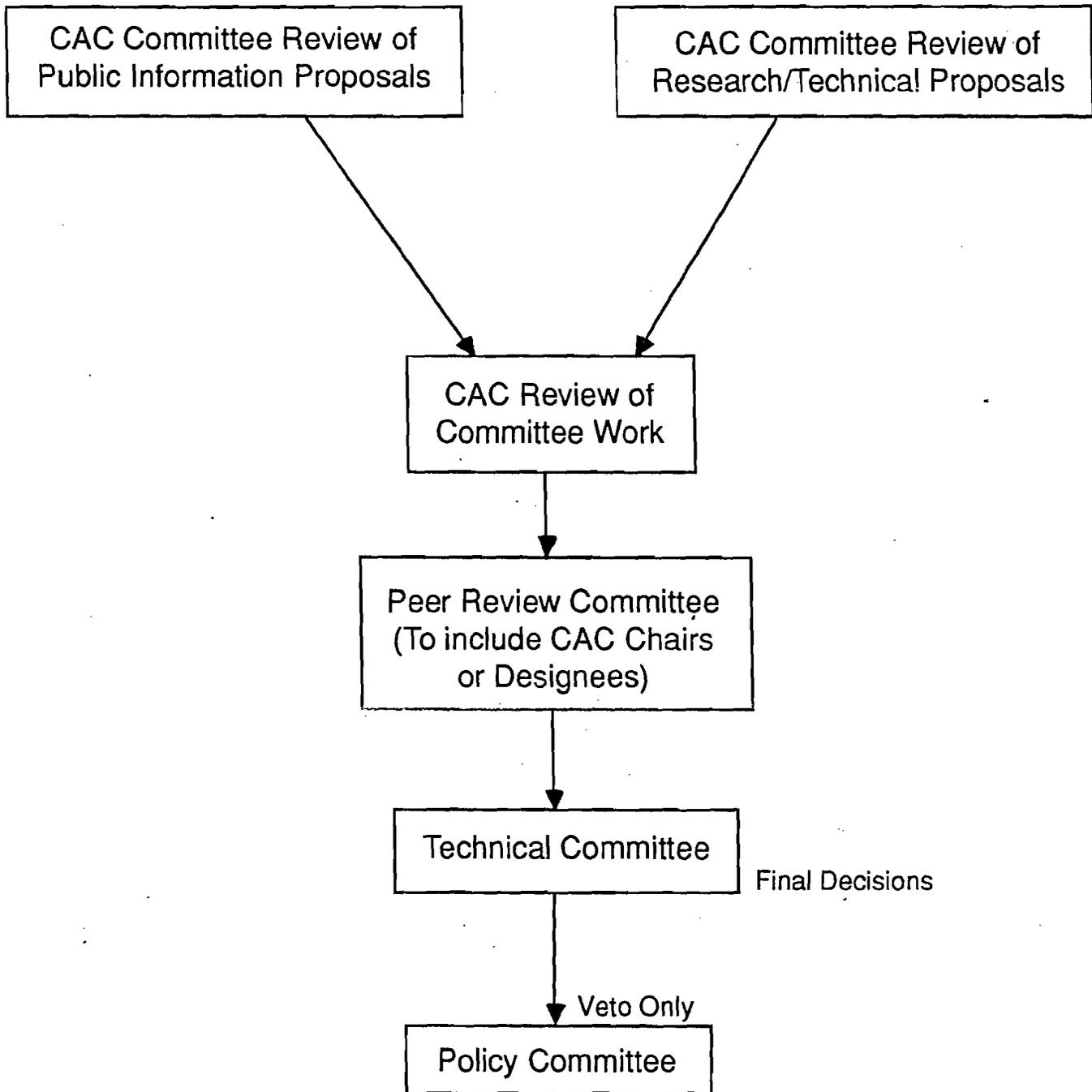
ALBEMARLE CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE

1. The charge from the Policy Committee to the Citizens' Advisory Committees (CAC's) shall provide the basis for action of the CAC's, namely:
 - A. To provide a mechanism for structured citizens' input, including providing recommendations, into the Albemarle-Pamlico Estuarine Study process from their respective regions.
 - B. To assist in the dissemination of information relevant to or developed by the project in their respective regions.

More specifically the CAC's shall:

- A. Report at each meeting of the Policy Committee and the Technical Committee, through the chairperson and the vice-chairperson, respectively.
 - B. Review all documents and materials produced by the Albemarle-Pamlico Estuarine Study. They shall include the results of such review reports to the Policy Committee and the Technical Committee.
 - C. Take such initiatives as are necessary and appropriate, in conjunction with the other activities of the Albemarle-Pamlico Estuarine Study, to ensure adequate citizen input from affected and interested constituencies in their regions.
2. Meetings shall occur at least four times annually in the region and shall be called by the chairperson or by petition of a majority of duly appointed members. Meeting dates shall be set prior to adjournment of all meetings, and shall occur approximately in August, November, February, and May. All meetings shall require at least ten working days notice to all members. Three consecutive unexcused absences will result in the chairperson recommending to the Policy Committee that the member be replaced. At the same time, a person will be recommended as a replacement.
 3. Chairperson and vice-chairperson shall be elected by majority vote of those members present, and shall serve for one year from date of election. Chairperson and vice-chairperson may be reelected without limit. The vice-chairperson will serve as chair in the chairperson's absences. Chairperson and vice-chairperson may designate any member of their committee as acting chair in their absence.
 4. The Policy Committee has directed that parliamentary procedures be used for all meetings of the CAC's. A quorum shall be one-third of duly appointed members. Simple majority of a quorum shall rule. Only duly appointed members may vote. Proxies are allowable for informational purposes, but proxies cannot vote.

Citizens' Advisory Committee Involvement in the Proposal Review Process



Whereas, the Albemarle/Pamlico Estuary Study Project was designed to improve the water quality and environment of the Albemarle/Pamlico Estuary area, and

Whereas, the U.S. Department of Defense is seeking to take most of the airspace in this area as military special use airspace, and

Whereas, there are many physiological damages associated with sub-sonic noise and air pressure, low beam radiation hazards, and ionized radiation hazards, and ¹⁹⁵⁴

Whereas, the Department of Defense has issued ~~totally~~ inadequate Environment Impact Statements concerning these hazards and their effects on the wildlife, habitat and people, and

Whereas, the Department of Defense has not ~~attempted to~~ show total military usage of this airspace in question, has not investigated the dangers of electromagnetic radiation for an electronic warfare range, and the Department of Defense has not coordinated airspace use between its various agencies, now

Therefore, be it resolved the Albemarle Advisory Committee of the Albemarle/Pamlico Estuary Study Committee does hereby petition the Environmental Protection Agency, the North Carolina Office of the Governor, the North Carolina U.S. Senators and Congressmen, to seek immediate cancellation of any proposed new airspace expansion and also request the present special use airspace be reviewed by a committee consisting of the representatives of the U.S.E.P.A., U.S. Department of Interior, the U.S. Department of Defense, the N.C. D.E.M., N.C. Division of Coastal Management, N.C. Division of Fish and Wildlife, local citizens of the affected area, and any other appropriate federal or state agency, for a comprehensive review of the need for special use airspace in the Albemarle/Pamlico area and its effects on the ecology.

The the 2nd day of March, 1988.

Signed: _____

ATTEST: _____

Flowers

RESOLUTION CONCERNING MILITARY USE OF AIRSPACE
IN THE ALBEMARLE-PAMLICO REGION

Whereas, the Albemarle-Pamlico Estuarine Study Program was designed to improve the water quality and environment of the Albemarle-Pamlico estuary area, and

Whereas, the U.S. Department of Defense is seeking to take most of the airspace in this area as military special use airspace, and

Whereas, there is many physiological damage associated with sub-sonic noise and air pressure, laser beam radiation, and ionization radiation, and

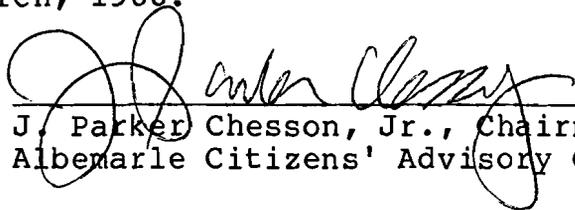
Whereas, the Department of Defense has issued inadequate environmental impact statements concerning these hazards and their effects on the wildlife, habitat and people, and

Whereas, the Department of Defense has not shown total military usage of this airspace in question, has not investigated the dangers of electromagnetic radiation for an electronic warfare range, and has not coordinated airspace use between its various agencies, now

Therefore, be it resolved the Albemarle Citizens' Advisory Committee of the Albemarle-Pamlico Estuarine Study Program does hereby petition the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the Governor of North Carolina, and the North Carolina U.S. Senators and Congressmen to seek immediate cancellation of any proposed new airspace expansion. Also, it is requested that the present special use airspace be reviewed by a committee consisting of representatives of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Department of the Interior, the U.S. Department of Defense, Department of Natural Resources and Community Development, local citizens of the affected area, and any other appropriate federal or state agency. This study should review the need for special use airspace in the Albemarle-Pamlico area and its effects on the people and their environment.

This the 2nd day of March, 1988.

Signed:



J. Parker Chesson, Jr., Chairman
Albemarle Citizens' Advisory Committee

A G E N D A

7:30 Welcome
Parker Chesson, Chairman, Albemarle Citizens' Advisory Committee
Jerry Old, Chairman, Currituck County Board of Commissioners

7:40 Federal Estuarine Study Program
Walton Jones, Environmental Protection Agency
Dan Ashe, Congressman Walter Jones' Office

7:50 Albemarle-Pamlico Estuarine Study Program
Doug Rader, Director, A.P.E.S. Program, DNRCD

8:00 Brief History of Currituck Sound
Yates Barber, Albemarle Citizens' Advisory Committee

8:10 Black Bass and Waterfowl Habitat in Currituck Sound
Mickey Clemmons, N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission

8:20 Resource Decline in Back Bay
Jack Whitney, Director, Office of Environmental Management, Virginia Beach

8:30 Observations on Resources in Back Bay
Mitchell Norman, Virginia Division of Game and Inland Fisheries

8:40 Back Bay Water Data Collection
Walter Priest, Virginia Institute of Marine Sciences

8:50 Currituck Sound Commercial Fisheries
Harrel Johnson, Division of Marine Fisheries, DNRCD

9:00 Submerged Aquatic Plants
Gordon Thayer, National Marine Fisheries Service
Graham Davis, East Carolina University

9:10 N.C. Stream Watch Program
Steven E. Reid, Division of Water Resources, DNRCD

Question-Answer Period

STREAM WATCH PROGRAM-SIGN UP SHEET

Name _____

Date _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

Are you willing to participate in the Stream Watch Program as a team member? _____

Would you be willing to help organize and/or supervise your Stream Watch Team? _____

Your interest in these waters---(please check one or more).

Hunting or Fishing Guide _____	Bait and Tackle Shop Employee _____
Commercial Fisherman _____	Marina or Boat Dealership _____
Recreational Fisherman _____	Federal or State F&W Employee _____
Recreational Hunter _____	Federal or State Agricultural Employee _____
Recreational Boater _____	Health Department Employee _____
Fish Buyer _____	Interested Citizen _____
H & F Lodge Employee _____	Student _____
Campground Employee _____	Other _____

In which of the listed "Stream Watch" areas are you most often involved?
_____ Each of these areas includes all tributaries.

1. Lower Currituck Sound - South of Poplar Branch and Lone Oak Channel to Point Harbor Bridge.
2. Upper Currituck Sound - North of Poplar Branch and Lone Oak Channel to a line from Swan Island to Knotts Landing and West to a line from Goose Castle to Halfway Point at Mackay Island.
3. Knotts Island Channel - From a line between Swan Island and Knotts Landing to Virginia line.
4. North Landing River - West of a line from Goose Castle to Halfway Point on Mackay Island North to State line.
5. Tulls Bay - Upstream from the Launch and mouth of Back River to include Tulls Bay, Tulls Creek and Northwest River to the Virginia line.
6. Coinjock Bay - All Coinjock Bay South of a line from Goose Castle to Bell Point South to Coinjock Bridge.
7. North River/Indiantown Creek - From Albemarle Sound to the headwaters and to Coinjock Bridge.
8. Back Bay - All of Back Bay north of the VA - NC State line.
9. North Landing River in Virginia - All of North Landing River above the VA - NC State line, up to Great Bridge Lock.

Remarks _____



State of North Carolina
Department of Natural Resources and Community Development
Northeastern Region
1424 Carolina Avenue, Washington, North Carolina 27889

James G. Martin, Governor
S. Thomas Rhodes, Secretary

Lorraine G. Shinn
Regional Manager

February 25, 1988

MEMORANDUM

TO: Citizens' Advisory Committees
FROM: Mike Orbach, Chairman *mc/ob*
Citizens' Affairs Subcommittee
RE: Program Recommendations

Attached are three items that we would like to present for your advice and recommendations at your meetings the week of March 1, 1988. The first concerns the form of the solicitation for citizen involvement proposals for the 1988 funding cycle. The second is a package of administrative items related to the citizen involvement functions of APES. The third item consists of two recommendations concerning the relationship of the CACs to other APES program elements and their function in the program.

We will present a brief discussion of these items at your meetings, in order that we may obtain your input and make recommendations to the full Technical Committee at their next meeting, probably in mid-March.

Thank you for your consideration of these matters, and I look forward to seeing you at your March meetings.

Attachments

SOLICITATION FOR PROPOSALS FOR
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION/AWARENESS
PROJECTS FOR 1988 APES FUNDING CYCLE

The APES program is soliciting proposals for projects in the area of public participation and public awareness for funding in 1988. This portion of the program is distinct from the information management, information acquisition and program administrative components in that proposals should be directed towards activities that enhance either the direct involvement of the public in, or education of the public about, the APES program. The program is particularly interested in proposals for activities such as, but not limited to, workshops, public meetings, monitoring networks and speakers programs that will assist the APES in:

- 1) creating effective avenues for disseminating information about program activities; and
- 2) obtaining regular advice and input from the public concerning APES activities.

**DRAFT PROPOSAL FOR
ADMINISTRATIVE COMPONENT OF
CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT FUNCTION**

BACKGROUND

The receiving and dissemination of information and the education and involvement of the public must be integral parts of the Albemarle-Pamlico Estuarine Study if it is to succeed in its objective of effective management of the estuarine waters. Recognition of this has resulted in the addition of a Public Participation Coordinator to the APES staff.

The coordinator's position has been actively filled since November 14, 1987. The responsibilities and duties of the position are varied, with particular emphasis on written and verbal communication and public relations. Formulation of an APES newsletter, attendance at and coordination of citizens' advisory and subcommittee meetings, responsiveness to public inquiry, and dissemination of program knowledge and information are component parts of the job.

As time passes, program momentum is gained and the constraints posed by undedicated clerical support multiply.

Research, preparation, and mailing of information has been, with small exception, the purview of the Public Participation Coordinator.

REQUESTS

Based upon the above, it is requested that a half-time dedicated clerical position be funded to assist with paperwork, thereby freeing the coordinator's time for other responsibilities.

In addition, request is made for the purchase of a camera, tape recorder, and computer/printer/software package with desktop publishing capabilities. The preparation of the APES newsletter, a direct responsibility of the Public Participation Coordinator, would greatly benefit from such acquisitions. The availability of this equipment would also enhance brochure, pamphlet, booklet, and direct mailing endeavors as the program grows. It would substantially reduce reliance upon the NRCD copy machine, which is shared by sixty-three employees. Over time, the equipment would pay for itself. Recommendations of units are available upon request.

Lastly, request is made for permission to establish a fund of money to be used by the citizens' advisory committees. The chairs of both the Albemarle and the Pamlico groups would submit proposals describing the kinds of expenditures envisioned and details supporting such funding. ~~Actual administration of the funds would be done by the Public Participation Coordinator in consultation with the Citizens' Affairs Subcommittee of the Technical Committee.~~

BUDGET

Half-time clerical support (salary + fringes)	\$8,400
Computer/printer/software	8,000
Camera	225
Tape recorder	100
Citizens' Advisory Committee funds (\$3,000 each)	6,000
Newsletter publication	<u>13,000</u>
	* <u>\$35,725</u>

* It is recommended that these funds be taken from the program administrative portion of the budget.

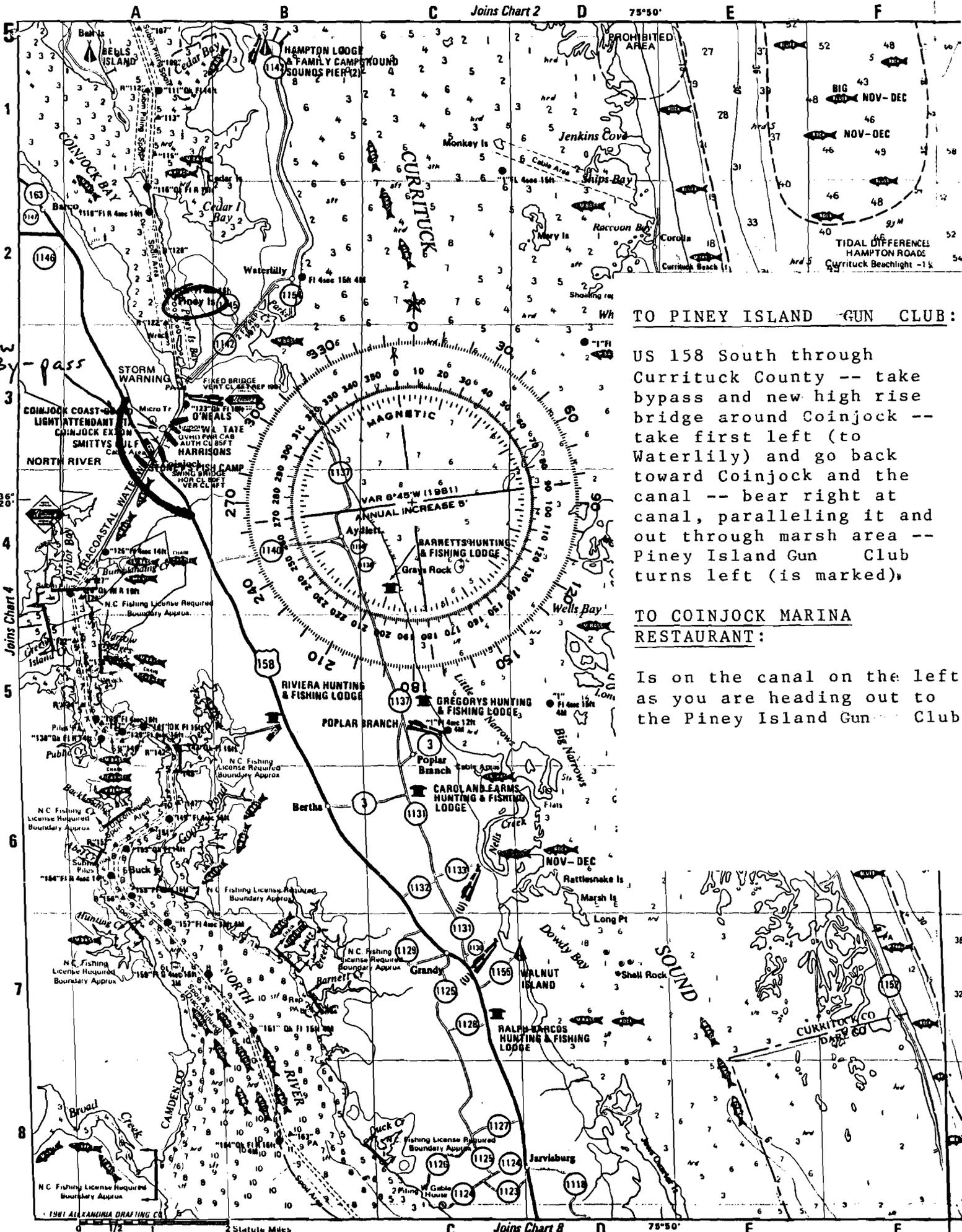
The Citizen's affairs subcommittee recommends:

- 1) That a member of each CAC serve on each subcommittee of the Technical Committee; and
- 2) That the CAC's be designated as the principal review and recommendation body for all matters of funding and publication related to citizen involvement activities.

The Albemarle Citizens' Advisory Committee adopts the following general "Resolution":

1. Dr. Doug Rader is commended for his exemplary work with the Albemarle-Pamlico Estuarine Study Program. Dr. Rader's tireless and highly efficient efforts have been responsible for the development of a program which has been officially designated under the Environmental Protection Agency's National Estuary Program. The Albemarle CAC wishes him well in his new endeavors with the Environmental Defense Fund.

2. The A.P.E.S. Policy Committee, the Secretary of the N. C. Department of Natural Resources and Community Development, and the Regional Administrator, Region IV, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency are urged to give top priority to filling Dr. Rader's position as soon as possible with a person who can continue his outstanding efforts. The program is at a critical point in its development, one where the public is expecting more visible and concrete results from its activities.



New By-pass

TO PINEY ISLAND GUN CLUB:

US 158 South through Currituck County -- take bypass and new high rise bridge around Coinjock -- take first left (to Waterlily) and go back toward Coinjock and the canal -- bear right at canal, paralleling it and out through marsh area -- Piney Island Gun Club turns left (is marked)

TO COINJOCK MARINA RESTAURANT:

Is on the canal on the left as you are heading out to the Piney Island Gun Club.

SCALE 1:80,000 - DISTANCE BETWEEN GRID LINES IS TWO STATUTE MILES