

Proceedings
of the
Pamlico Citizens' Advisory Committee
Meeting
September 14, 1987
Aurora, NC

(Prior to the meeting, Committee member Rann Carpenter directed a bus tour of the Texasgulf Phosphate mining and processing facility near Aurora. A meal of local seafood was graciously provided by Texasgulf to committee members and guests at the Texasgulf Recreation Area on the Pamlico River.)

Derb Carter called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. Mr. Carter recognized Tom Regan, Vice President of the Texasgulf Phosphate Co.

Mr. Regan welcomed the committee members and guests. He urged that good communications among all segments of the affected population was vital to the success of the Albemarle-Pamlico Estuarine Study. He concluded by recognizing the great importance of the Albemarle-Pamlico Estuarine Study to effect management of estuarine resources.

Mr. Carter proceeded to the agenda (see Attachment A), beginning with organizational matters. On the subject of committees, Mr. Carter informed the members that the Albemarle Citizens' Advisory Committee had erected an Executive Committee, and asked for recommendations on the subject. Tom Quay supported the idea. Ernie Larkin felt that such a committee needs to be representative of various interests. He felt such a committee would be essential for rapid response on sensitive issues. Dr. Quay and Mr. Carter agreed that subcommittees would allow better coverage of important topics, especially if the entire committee meets less frequently in the future.

Mr. Carter requested that opinions on subcommittee structure (especially an executive committee) be furnished to Dr. Larkin or himself, so that a specific recommendation can be presented at the next meeting.

Dick Leach asked about the need for a specific designated liaison person to the Albemarle Citizens' Advisory Committee. Mr. Carter suggested that intercommittee relations be addressed along with the report of the Special Committee on CAC Representation.

Mr. Leach presented the Special Committee's report (see Attachment B). After a brief explanation, he moved that the recommendations of the report be adopted. Dr. Quay seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Carter thanked Dr. Quay, Mr. Leach, and others for their hard work. Doug Rader, Project Director, was requested to transmit copies of the request for voting representation on both the Policy Committee and Technical Committee to those bodies.

Dr. Rader suggested that CAC interactions be considered. He mentioned that Dr. Quay will represent the program at the Albemarle CAC Executive Committee meeting on Thursday, September 17.

Mr. Leach reiterated the extreme importance of coordination and communication. Dr. Ensley agreed on the importance, and moved that Dr. Quay be appointed as liaison. The motion was seconded by Ralph Buxton. Dr. Quay suggested the establishment of the position, but flexibility of the individual representative. Todd Miller suggested that Dr. Quay serve as coordinator for the liaison position. Dr. Ensley accepted the amendment to his original motion, that a position be established to coordinate the liaison with the Albemarle CAC, and either attend their meetings or ask that another committee member attend. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Carter appointed Dr. Quay as liaison coordinator.

Dr. Larkin suggested a technical subcommittee was needed. Many committee members agreed. Mr. Carter reiterated that suggestions for committee structure be forwarded to Dr. Larkin or himself.

Dr. Rader then briefly characterized technical projects funded for this fiscal cycle, and reviewed the process used to identify those projects. Willy Phillips commented that such work would only confirm what we already know the problems are. He suggested that the net result would be a delay in implementation of correction strategies. Mr. Carter commented that five years is a long time to wait for management recommendations, and that all NPDES permits in the state would be renewed by that time. Dr. Jackson asked when the public would be getting involved in a big way. Dr. Quay said now is the time and quoted the phosphate ban as an example of the effectiveness of such actions. Dr. Ensley commented that it was essential to establish an executive committee quickly. Dr. Rader reiterated the importance of the public involvement portion of the study, and described the potential for implementation action using EPA/state funds before five years pass.

Mr. Carter introduced the draft agenda for the November 14 public meeting in Elizabeth City (Attachment C). Dr. Rader described the goals of the program and ran down the agenda. Mr. Miller suggested that there were a lot of agency people listed and suggested replacement with more citizens to demonstrate what can in fact be done by public will. Dr. Ensley agreed that there were too many "heavyweights". Mr. Leach suggested that Pamlico-Tar River Foundation be more directly involved. Ms. King suggested that we find people impacted by coastal development and let them tell their stories. Ample discussion followed, with the conclusion that:

- 1) panel discussions conducted by citizen moderators and composed of citizens representing different interest groups should replace all the "dry" lectures;
- 2) Policy Committee and Technical Committee members should be used to lead workshops (or be resource people in them);
- 3) the "grist" for the panel "mill" should be audience (or at least publicly solicited) questions; and
- 4) the major issues discussed should relate to those identified in the CRAC citizen roundtable series.

Dr. Rader followed the Policy Committee directive and suggested that a "logo" contest among school children might be a useful way to generate public interest. Mr. Miller stated that professional logos were much preferable and wondered if that should not be a project for the new staff person. Dr. Larkin and others agreed that better awareness building tools were available. Mr. Miller suggested an art contest. Dr. Larkin agreed.

Dr. Tom Hoban from NCSU presented a proposal he has developed in conjunction with the Agricultural Extension Service. He stated that water quality is a national issue in agricultural extension. Ms. King requested that the Soil and Conservation Service and the local Soil and Water Conservation Districts be included.

Mr. Carter presented a status report on the Governor's NC Sounds 2000 proposal currently being developed. A task force is being headed by former Lt. Gov. Jimmy Green, and will contain various Department Secretaries. Tentative scheduling is for October 22 in New Bern as the unveiling. Mr. Miller stated that the CACs should be involved in such an obviously important planning process in order to make the plan as good as possible. Committee members agreed that there is an obvious role for the CACs.

Mr. Miller moved that the Pamlico Citizens' Advisory Committee request to be consulted and have input in the proposal development process. Mr. Leach seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Larkin suggested that the Coastal Federation mailing list be used for the November 14 meeting.

Ralph Jarvis described finding porpoises dead in South Creek 2-3 weeks ago.

Mr. Carter proceeded to new business.

Mr. Miller offered two resolutions--one on Nutrient Sensitive Water classification for the Lower Neuse and the other on the proposed Stormwater Rules being considered by the Environmental Management Commission. Ms. King argued that total loading restrictions were needed. Fred Bonner argued that sport fishing should be explicitly included. Mr. Miller suggested that action be taken despite the last minute nature of the resolutions to meet the time deadlines for inclusion in the Stormwater hearing record. Mr. Carpenter objected that such important actions not be taken so precipitously, without adequate consideration of ramifications. Dr. Larkin and Dr. Jackson both agreed with the intent of the resolutions, but recognized the validity of Mr. Carpenter's objectives. Dr. Larkin requested the time constraints for action. Mr. Miller stated that the stormwater record was open until September 18, and the Nutrient Sensitive Water record for 30 days following the September 14-15 hearings. Mr. Carpenter suggested the real problem lay in the high level of specificity in the resolutions, that adequate time was not allowed for consideration. He asked if any specific amount of time or notice was required for such action by existing administrative procedures.

Mr. Carter asked about whether precedents existed. Dr. Quay stated that there was already loads of information on the subject under discussion. Mr. Leach repeated the request for procedural guidance. Dr. Rader stated that none existed, but that the committee was free to enact such guidance.

Dr. Quay moved to table the resolutions. Mr. Carpenter seconded.

On discussion, Mr. Leach restated the need for prompt action, and stated that a crises situation existed. Mr. Miller suggested that he had prepared the resolutions that morning, and would be open to some simpler statement. He suggested that resolutions of the CACs should be taken seriously. Mr. Carpenter stated that in its infancy the CACs should be careful of protocol. He agreed that the topics were of extreme merit but that reasonable order should be preserved. Dr. Larkin stated that the topics were important enough to deal with tonight. Mr. Terry Sholar [Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF)] was asked how the stormwater resolution related to DMF concerns. He stated they were similar. Mr. Phillips stated that he agreed with all the "whereas's".

Dr. Quay withdrew his motion to table. Mr. Carpenter withdrew his second, with objections. Mr. Carter ruled that in the future he will rule out of order all resolutions not available in advance. He ruled that he would go with the consensus and allow consideration tonight. Dr. Ensley requested simpler wording.

Dr. Larkin moved support for the Nutrient Sensitive Water classification, as attached (Attachment D). Mr. Jarvis seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Larkin moved support for the stormwater regulations (Attachment E). Mr. Miller seconded. Dr. Jackson requested added language about shellfish declines and closings. Mr. Leach suggested a strong statement about strengthening the stormwater rules. Dr. Larkin agreed to those changes. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Miller suggested a committee on regulatory affairs.

Mr. Bonner introduced his guest, Mr. Bruce Cartwright from the Coastal Conservation Association. Mr. Cartwright described literature he had brought with him and thanked the committee for the opportunity to observe.

Mr. Carter then set the next meeting date for Wednesday, October 14, and stated that a location would be announced.

The meeting adjourned by consensus call at about 9:30 p.m.

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Attachments

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Affiliation

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NCWC/Sierraclob

Susan R. King

Neuse River Foundat

Rann Carpenter

Texas Gulf

WILL PHILLIPS

COMMERCIAL FISHERIES

Tom Hogan

NCSU

Dawn Parks

ECU, Greenville.

Doy Red

APCS

Dal Carter

Ralph G. Jarvis

Seaford Business

Donald Cusley

E. C. U. + NCCF.

Ralph Luxton

Kathy Hank Kates/Sports - Nags Head

Todd Miller

NCCF

Ernie Parkin

PTRF

DICK LEACH

~~PTRF~~ Washington, NC.

Clark Rodman

Washington NC - Seaside

Billy Jackson

Washington, NC —

Bill Schminning

Texas Gulf Chemicals, Co.

Tom Ellis

NC Dept. of Agriculture

Terry Nolan

N.E. Marine Fisheries

Fred Bonner

Capitol Radio Networks

Bruce Cartwright

Houston Tx

ALBEMARLE-PAMLICO ESTUARINE STUDY

PAMLICO CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE

September 14, 1987 (Monday)
Texasgulf Recreation Association, Aurora, NC

4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Pre-meeting Tour of Texasgulf Mining
& Processing Facility

5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Social and Dinner at Texasgulf
Recreation Association

Welcome

Rann Carpenter

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Pamlico Citizens' Advisory Committee Meeting

AGENDA

1. Organizational Matters
 - a. Committees
 - b. Future Meetings
2. Report of Special Committee on CAC Representation on Technical and Policy Committees Dick Leach
3. Summary of Funded Research Projects Doug Rader
4. Albemarle-Pamlico Estuarine Study Technical Workshops Doug Rader
5. Pending Program Activities Doug Rader
 - a. Draft Agenda for Albemarle Region Public Meeting
 - b. Logo Contest
 - c. Agricultural Extension Training Seminar
6. NC Sounds 2000
7. Next meeting

RESOLUTION OF THE PAMLICO CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE
OF THE ALBEMARLE-PAMLICO ESTUARINE STUDY

The Pamlico Citizens' Advisory Committee, meeting in Aurora, North Carolina, on September 14, 1987, unanimously resolved to recommend to the Policy Committee the following:

1. That the Citizens' Advisory Committee (CAC) have a voting representative on the Technical and Policy Committee;
2. That the CAC Chairman represent the CAC on the Policy Committee;
3. That the CAC Vice-Chairman represent the CAC on the Technical Committee;
4. That the Chairman may be represented by the Vice-Chairman on the Policy Committee and that the Vice-Chairman may be represented by the Chairman on the Technical Committee.

Passed unanimously, this 14 Sept. 1987.

TENTATIVE AGENDA

ALBEMARLE-PAMLICO ESTUARINE STUDY
PUBLIC MEETING

ELIZABETH CITY STATE UNIVERSITY

ELIZABETH CITY, NC

8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
November 14, 1987

- 8:30 Registration & Coffee
- 9:00 Welcome Dr. Jimmy Jenkins
- Albemarle-Pamlico Estuarine Study Status Report Dr. Doug Rader
- Natural Resources & Community Development Perspective S. Thomas Rhodes(?)
- Environmental Protection Agency Perspective Lee DeHihns
- 10:00 Estuarine Management Programs:
Opportunities for Public Involvement
- Coastal Management Dave Owens
- Soil Conservation Service Sam Cox
- Fish & Wildlife Service Mike Gantt
- Environmental Management George Everett
- Marine Fisheries Harold Johnson
- (Others possible: Corps of Engineers, Wildlife Resources Commission (Inland Fisheries), Water Resources (Stream Watch), ?)
- 11:45 Citizens' Perspective on the Albemarle-Pamlico Estuarine Study Dr. Parker Chesson
- 12:00 Lunch (on premises)
Luncheon speaker to be announced
(Senator Marc Basnight, Governor Jim Martin???)
- 1:30 Afternoon Working Sessions
- 2:30 General Meeting: Synopsis of Work Sessions
- 3:30 Adjourn to Citizens' Group's Booths

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RECOMMENDATION FOR MODIFIED AGENDA

PUBLIC HEARING

ELIZABETH CITY, NC

NOVEMBER 14, 1987

8:00 - 10:00 (as previously)

10:00 Panel Discussions on Natural Resource Management
Issues (Questions From Moderators & the Public)

10:00 - 10:30 Water Quality Issues

Moderator: John Costlow(?)

Division of Environmental Management	- George Everett
Environmental Protection Agency	- Mark Alderson
Industry	- Joe Stutts
Agriculture	- John Stallings
Local Government	- Don Bryan
Military	- Joe Wright

10:30 - 11:00 Fisheries Resource Issues

Moderator: Dirk Frankenberg

Commercial Fishing	- Murray Nixon
Recreational Fishing	- Mike Corcoran
Division of Marine Fisheries	- Harrell Johnson
NMFS	- Bud Cross
Devil's Advocate	- (overfishing?)

11:00 - 11:30 Development & Habitat Loss

Moderator: Dan Ashe

Soil Conservation Service	- Sam Cox
Division of Coastal Management	- Dave Owens
Corp of Engineers	- Larry Saunders
Fish & Wildlife Service	- Mike Gantt
Weyerhaeuser	- Glen Wood
Developer	- Quentin Bell

11:30 - 12:00 Citizens' Perspectives and Summary
Dr. Parker Chesson
Capt. Al Howard
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12:00 - Adjournment As Before

QUESTIONS:

1. Are topics appropriate?
2. What questions (1-3 each?) might be appropriate to ask?
3. Are panelists appropriate?
4. Is this too complex?
5. Topics for workshops?

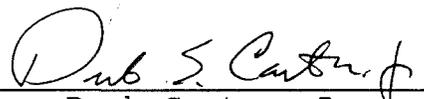
RESOLUTION OF THE PAMLICO CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE
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WHEREAS, the Pamlico Citizens' Advisory Committee is concerned
nutrient pollution of the Lower Neuse River, and the
algal blooms which occur there

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COMMITTEE SUPPORTS NUTRIENT
SENSITIVE WATER (NSW) DESIGNATION FOR THE LOWER NEUSE RIVER,
AND URGES THE ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT COMMISSION TO ADOPT THAT
CLASSIFICATION AS PROPOSED.

The Committee requests that this resolution become an official
part of the hearing record on the proposed NSW classification
of the Lower Neuse.

Passed unanimously, this 14 Sept., 1987.



Derb Carter, Jr.
Chairman

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RESOLUTION OF THE CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
FOR THE PAMLICO REGION OF THE
ALBEMARLE AND PAMLICO ESTUARINE STUDY

September 14, 1987

- WHEREAS, the North Carolina Division of Environmental Management is proposing to classify the Neuse River as Nutrient Sensitive Waters;
- WHEREAS, such a classification is an important step in protecting the river and the Pamlico estuary;
- WHEREAS, pollution of the Neuse River has increased algae problems in the lower part of the river;
- WHEREAS, the NC Environmental Management Commission has already designated the upper Neuse River as Nutrient Sensitive Waters in 1983;
- WHEREAS, the proposed classification of the lower Neuse River will require control of phosphorus and nitrogen discharges and set modest phosphorus limits of 2 mg/l for new discharges and for large existing discharges;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR THE PAMLICO REGION OF THE ALBEMARLE AND PAMLICO ESTUARINE STUDY RECOMMENDS TO THE NC ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT COMMISSION THAT:

- (1) The Nutrient Sensitive Waters classification and 2 mg/l limit be adopted;
- (2) A nutrient sensitive strategy similar to that of the Falls Reservoir be used for the lower Neuse. This includes:
 - (a) new sewage systems use nondischarge systems whenever possible, or connect to existing municipal systems;
 - (b) all dischargers be put on notice that limits more stringent than 2 mg/l will be required if local programs for nonpoint source pollution control do not reduce nutrient loads sufficiently.

(NOT ADOPTED - JMR)

Derb Carter, Chairman
Adopted September 14, 1987

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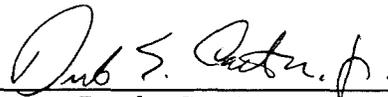
WHEREAS, the Pamlico Citizens' Advisory Committee of the Albemarle-Pamlico Estuarine Study is concerned with declines in fisheries resources and shellfish harvests from historic levels, and

WHEREAS, the Pamlico Citizens' Advisory Committee is concerned with increases in closures of shellfish waters due to fecal coliform bacterial contamination

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COMMITTEE SUPPORTS THE PASSAGE BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT COMMISSION OF STORMWATER REGULATIONS THAT ARE AT LEAST AS STRINGENT AS THE EXISTING REGULATIONS.

The Committee requests that this resolution become an official part of the hearing report on the proposed stormwater runoff regulations.

Passed unanimously, this 14 Sept., 1987.



Derb Carter, Jr.
Chairman

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RESOLUTION OF THE CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
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WHEREAS, commercial fishing is a major industry in coastal North Carolina;

WHEREAS, in 1986 commercial fishermen landed 1.35 million pounds of clams valued at \$7.5 million, and 746,000 pounds of oysters valued at \$1.45 million;

WHEREAS, a major portion of the \$9 million shellfishing industry in North Carolina is center around the Pamlico estuary;

WHEREAS, the quality of shellfishing waters is our best indicator of the overall health of our estuarine system;

WHEREAS, stormwater runoff entering shellfish waters is expected to violate the fecal coliform standard for SA waters;

WHEREAS, approximately 25 percent of North Carolina shellfish waters are already closed as a result of bacteria contamination;

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Environmental Management Commission will vote on October 8 on new regulations for controlling stormwater runoff from urbanizing areas;

WHEREAS, the NC Division of Environmental Management has proposed to weaken existing stormwater regulations so that when the coast of North Carolina becomes fully developed most of the shellfish beds in North Carolina will be contaminated;

WHEREAS, the federal Clean Water Act requires North Carolina to protect existing uses of our public trust waters including shellfishing;

WHEREAS, the Albemarle and Pamlico Estuarine Study is aimed at improving the management of our estuaries so that their existing uses are protected;

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