

PASQUOTANK REGIONAL COUNCIL

**Municipal Building
103 Main Street
Columbia, North Carolina
252/796-2781**

November 15, 2000

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(meet in Municipal Building)**

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THE ALBEMARLE-PAMLICO NATIONAL ESTUARY PROGRAM

Public Involvement Office

MEMORANDUM

TO: Pasquotank River Basin Regional Council Members

FROM: Joan Giordano, Public Involvement Coordinator

SUBJ: Next Meeting - **February 15, 2001**

DATE: January 18, 2001

Hi, and Happy New Year to all of you! I hope your Holiday Season was restful and joyous.

In addition to wanting to wish you a Happy New Year, I also want to let you know about the plans for our next meeting. As indicated in the minutes attached, we'll be gathering at the **Municipal Building in Columbia beginning at 4:00pm**. We have met at this location before, but for those of you who may not have attended those meetings, the address is **103 Main Street**.

I hope you'll make every effort to attend, as we have old and new business needing attention. Among those items of business, please remember that the NC Division of Water Quality (DWQ) is preparing to enter the cycle for renewal of permits in the basin, and the Pasquotank River Basinwide Water Quality Management Plan is consequently being updated. You have met Kate Moore, a planner with DWQ's Basinwide and Estuary Planning Unit, and the staff person responsible for developing the updated Plan. We also need to turn our attention to the MOA between NC and the Commonwealth of Virginia relative to planning for an official "Signing Ceremony." Always of interest is the status of our demonstration projects And on and on!

I look forward to seeing each of you for the first meeting of the New Year, and the new millennium! As always, thank you for your dedication to protecting the natural resources of eastern North Carolina and all you undertake in doing that. Please drive safely!

Albemarle-Pamlico National Estuary Program

November 7, 2000

MEMORANDUM

TO: Pasquotank Regional Council Members

FROM: Guy Stefanski
APNEP Coordinator

SUBJECT: Next meeting on November 15, 2000

Please find enclosed the agenda for our next meeting being held on November 15th in Columbia, North Carolina (same site as our last meeting) -- as well as minutes from our previous meeting on September 20th. **Please meet in Municipal Building at 3:00 pm to begin an optional walking tour of the Scuppernong River.** Our regular meeting will begin at 4:00 pm.

Rodney Johnson (Albemarle RC&D) will be on hand to show us some slides of our demonstration project involving the Town of Winfall. Noah Hill (VADCR/APNEP Liaison), whom you met during our last meeting, is back to give us a presentation on Virginia's Watershed Roundtables and Bob Glennon (Natural Resource Planner, USFWS) will talk about conservation planning efforts underway to better manage the National Wildlife Refuge system in the Pasquotank River Basin and surrounding areas. This would include the Back Bay-Currituck Sound-Mackey Island area, the Great Dismal Swamp, the Alligator River NWR, Lake Mattamuskeet and Pea Island.

Please make every effort to attend this meeting. If for some reason you cannot attend, please call me at 919/733-5083 ext. 585 or Joan Giordano at 252/946-6481 ext. 269 and let us know. I look forward to seeing you in Columbia.

Travel safely.

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DRBRC
Attendance
11-15-00

Attachment A

<u>NAME</u>	<u>Affiliation</u>
Jean Jordan	APNEP staff
Kate Moore	Division of Water Quality
Kris Haste Jr	Perez Herford
Collin Pickett	DARE-At Large
Cynthia Byrd	Days County Commissioner
Rodney Dymon	Aikenale RCAD
Carlisle Hareel	Town of Columbia
Nelson Smith	Tymel County
Yates Barber	Passapatanz Co.
Rob M Hill	VA DCR
Mike Bryant	USFWS Alligator River NWR

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Qualitative Water Quality Update-- Pasquotank River Basin

November 15, 2000

Kate Moore

Division of Water Quality
Basin and Estuary Planning Unit

919-733-5083

Mike Yount, Environmental Technician, gave Kate Moore a qualitative update on the water quality in the Pasquotank basin over the summer and fall. Kate requested the information so that she could relay it to the Pasquotank Regional Council at their next meeting. A detailed, quantified evaluation of water quality trends in the Basin was not available due to ESB staff resource limitations.

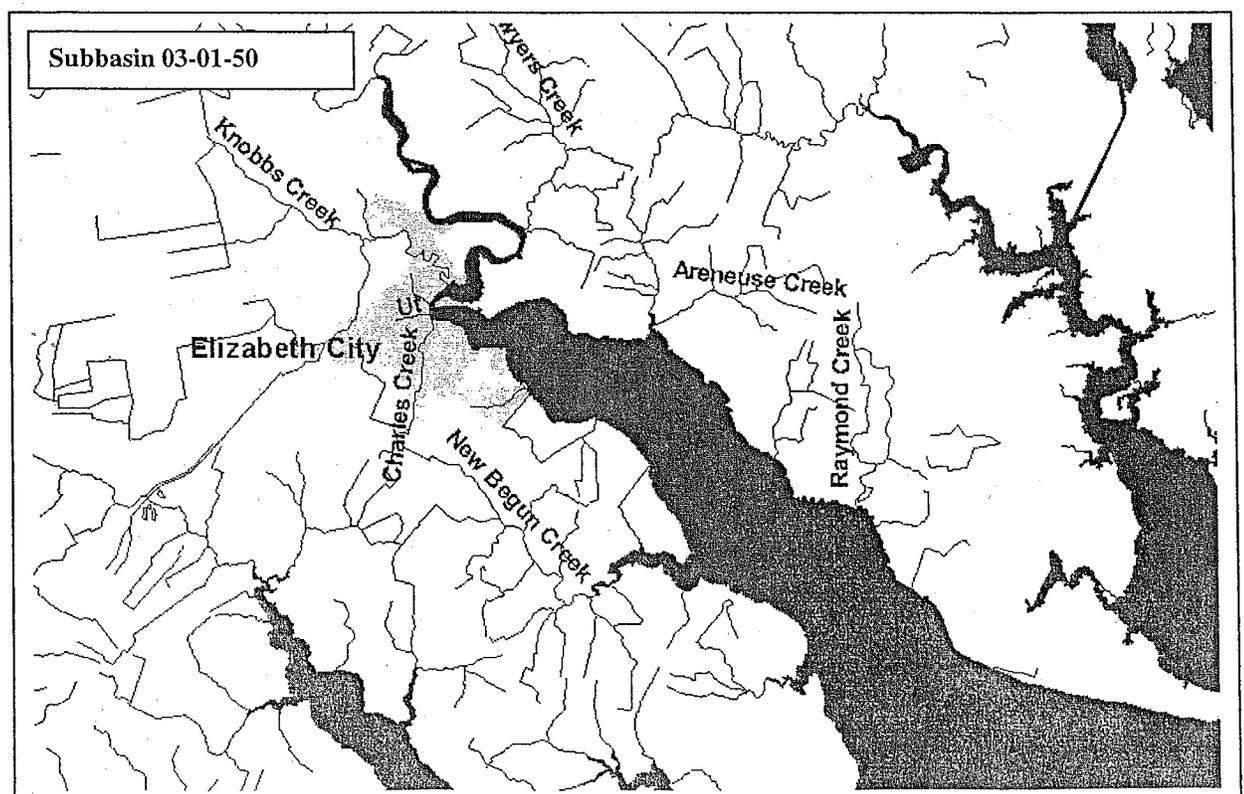
Albemarle Sound- Fair (rate it about a 6 or 7 on a scale from 1-10 with 10 being the best). No major problems. The water quality hasn't been as good as we'd like, but it hasn't been as bad as it could have been given Hurricane Floyd. (Potential Floyd impacts could have been increased nutrients, and low dissolve oxygen due to increased organic loading.) Luckily we had enough flushing so that there were little negative impacts. Recently, there has been increased salinity lately due to a lack of rain.

Pasquotank River- Several algal blooms have occurred. Possible factors influencing the blooms could have been the recent lack of wind or rain (which would have increased mixing.) There were several blooms in New Begun Creek and Areneuse Creek. Most of the blooms were confined to tributaries, but sometimes the blooms included substantial portions of the river proper. The algae were a blue-green type, with no reported secondary effects on fish or human health. As a comparison, there were no reported algal blooms last year. There has also been an increased salinity lately due to a lack of rain.

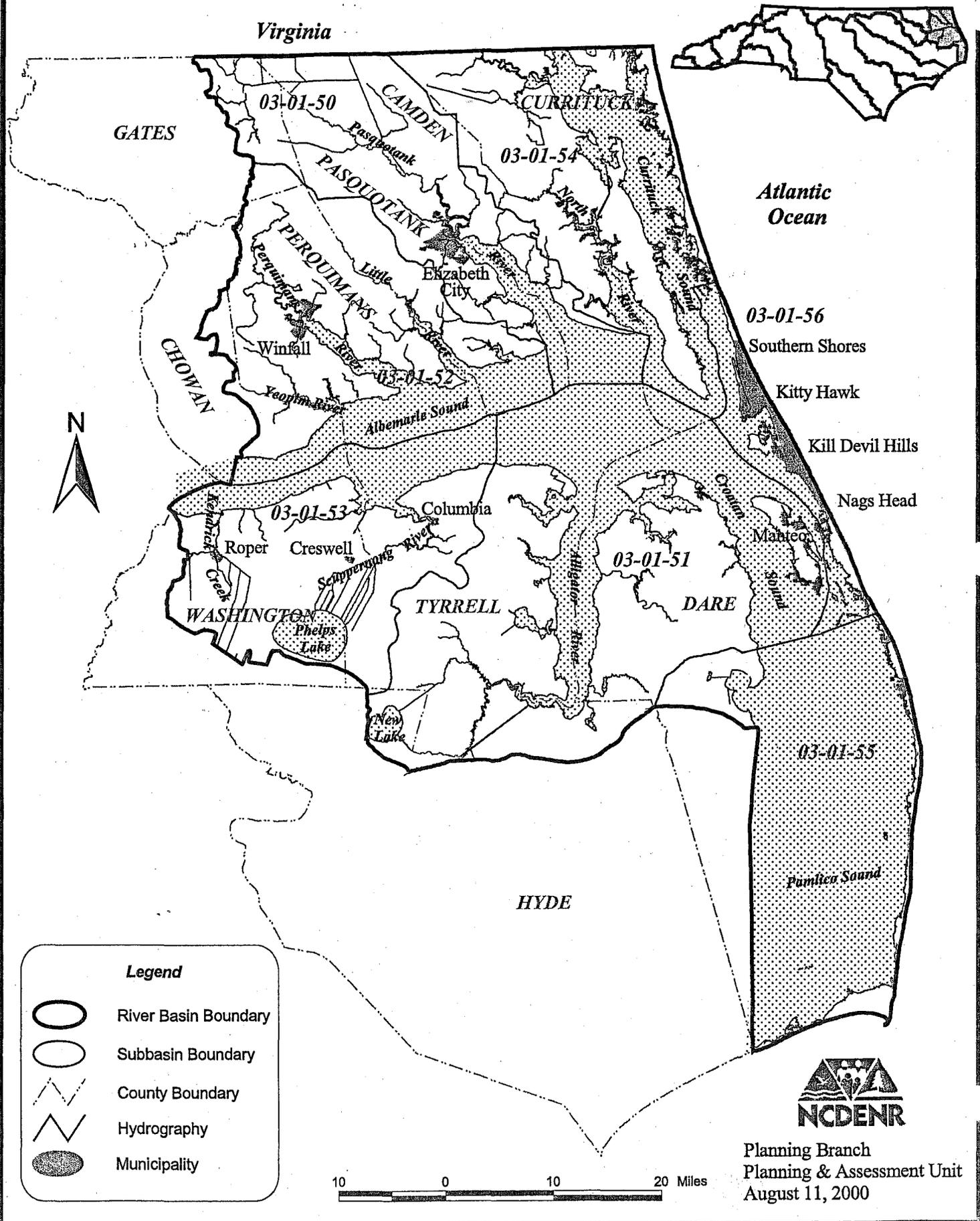
Pasquotank Tributaries- The Scuppernong, Little River, and Alligator could be rated a 6 or 7 on a scale from 1-10. There were no elevated fecal coliform reported.

Fish Kills- None reported this year.

Mike Yount recommended that management efforts be directed at runoff and drainage systems.



General Map of the Pasquotank River Basin



Planning Branch
 Planning & Assessment Unit
 August 11, 2000

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