

SAV Partners' Autumn 2007 Meeting

East Carolina University's Greenville Center

Greenville, NC

November 14, 2007

Meeting Notes

Those Attending:

Joan Giordano	APNEP
Dean Carpenter	APNEP
Bill Crowell	APNEP
Joe Luczkovich	ECU/IICSP
Jacque Ott	NCDCM - Coastal Reserve
Scott Chappell	NCDMF
Anne Deaton	NCDMF
Brian Conrad	NCDMF
Danielle Mir-Gonzalez	NCDWQ - Environmental Science
Rob Breeding	NCEEP
Maria Dunn	NCWRC
Don Field	NOAA
John Gallegos	USFWS-Back Bay

Dean Carpenter called the meeting to order at 12:30pm. He asked for any additions to the agenda. Hearing none, he began the discussion on **Monitoring & Mapping:**

Imagery

*the majority of flight lines have been flown in the September-October window

*printed presentation of flight lines was passed among attendees

*Bogue and Core Sounds were not flown (will be targeted for spring 2008), but 2006 data are available

*interpretation of data is priority - one person is available at Brian Conrad's office to help with this

*will Liz Noble be able to help?

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SAV Water Clarity Surveys

- *Scott Chappell passed a handout showing locations of water clarity monitoring sites in coastal North Carolina during the fall 2007 SAV mapping window
- *he reviewed the process used and lessons learned
- *certificate for volunteer monitors to be developed and sent by APNEP staff to those identified by Scott Chappell, Anne Deaton, Brian Conrad

SAV Ground Surveys

- *Brian Conrad reported all areas are complete
- *still waiting for some data sheets (90% are in-house)
- *using data from random points submitted by some monitors due to inability of getting to their assigned locations
- *discussion ensued about fine tuning the data sheet; the points themselves; some points in deep water; Back Bay in Virginia has less sophisticated computer capabilities, so data gathered next time needs to be in a more compatible format

Partners' Support for Image Interpretation

- *Bill Crowell reported \$20K in 2008 APNEP budget for interpretation
- *consistency in data interpretation is important
- *who will do it? NC-CGIA; ECU GIS Center grad students; NC-DMF; ECSU?
- *recommend training for interpreters, as well as QA/QC criteria
- *follow Liz Noble's 2003 interpretation protocol?

ECSU Mapping Project Update

- *there was no representative from ECSU present

Assessment & Restoration Discussion:

Restoration Ad-Hoc Committee Report

- *John Gallegos provided draft outline white paper for restoration
- *comments on, and discussion of, white paper ensued

Policy & Outreach Discussion:

Outreach Ad-Hoc Committee Report

- *summary of outreach table developed at last meeting will be distributed to Partners
- *mascot development for the SAV and CHPP initiatives was discussed and ideas are to be sent to Jacquie Ott and Jill Fegley

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- *NIE tabloid insert on estuaries was shared and discussed
- *distribution network for NIE supplement was discussed including other (area) newspapers
- *developing a "teacher's corner" on the APNEP website was raised

Following a break, Dean Carpenter engaged in a demonstration of the APNEP website.

- *Jill Paxson's (Tar-Pam Rapid Response Team) link on SAV to APNEP website?
- *Dean Carpenter and Bill Crowell have accepted an invitation to give presentation on SAV mapping to the State Mapping Advisory Committee

There being no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 3:00pm.