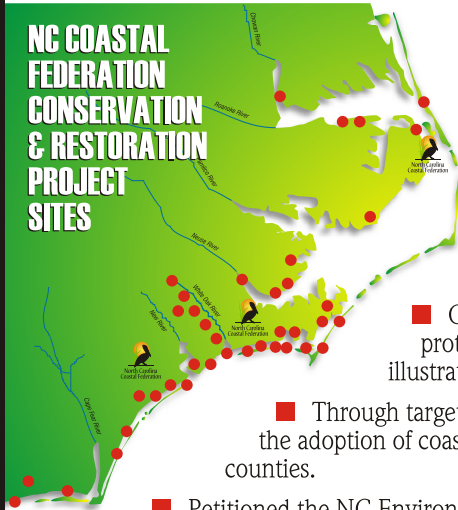


NC COASTAL FEDERATION 1982-2010:

MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS



- Organized fishing communities **1982-1984** to oppose the strip mining of 120,000 acres of peat bogs on the Albemarle-Pamlico peninsula that would have polluted Pamlico Sound. This resulted in the approval of new peat mining water quality rules that prohibit large-scale peat mining and set the stage to buy more than 260,000 acres of wetlands that are now two national wildlife refuges.
- Worked to establish new wetland water quality standards that are much more protective than federal regulations.
- Obtained new state regulations for locating coastal marinas that protect shellfish waters by filing coastal development permit appeals that illustrated shortcomings in coastal development standards.
- Through targeted permit appeals on coastal development permits, prompted the adoption of coastal stormwater control development standards for all 20 coastal counties.
- Petitioned the NC Environmental Management Commission to designate 10% of all coastal waters as “Outstanding Resource Waters” which offered additional protection from stormwater pollution and wastewater discharges from development.
- Worked in partnership with WRAL-TV on a Save Our Sounds Campaign that increased public awareness of coastal water quality issues and resulted in stronger coastal water quality laws and development standards by the NC General Assembly in **1989**.
- Worked in partnership with 10 other estuary groups on the national level through a coalition called Restore America’s Estuaries to write, introduce and have adopted a new federal law that earmarks approximately \$250 million for restoration of the nation’s estuaries and sets a national goal of restoring one million acres of estuary habitat by **2010**.
- Proposed to Gov. Hunt that he appoint the Coastal Futures Committee to develop a future blueprint for coastal management efforts. Gov. Hunt appointed this committee, designated **1994** to be the “Year of the Coast,” and named the federation to staff its work. Many of the committee’s recommendations are now public policy including its idea of increasing state spending on land acquisition to protect water quality.
- Began publishing a yearly *State of the Coast* report in **1995** that evaluates progress on coastal management issues and the health of coastal resources. The report is distributed to 100,000 households.



- Organized and continue to guide the Coastal Caucus, a grass-roots citizen group of coastal advocates throughout the state that work together to coordinate approaches to coastal issues.
- Pushed for a moratorium on new Coastal Area Management Act Land Use Plans (CAMA) to provide a timeout to develop more effective planning rules for the 20 coastal counties. New rules were adopted that have strengthened the requirements for coastal land use plans.
- Hired by the State in **1996** to run the public awareness and involvement campaign for the Moratorium Steering Committee of the Marine Fisheries Committee that resulted in passage of the Fisheries Reform Act.
- Organized public forums, lawsuits, and lobbying that pushed North Carolina to enact the new federal requirements for stormwater control under the Phase II NPDES regulations adopted by EPA in 1999. This resulted in seven years of public policy debates over how to control stormwater throughout the state, and the adoption of one of the strongest Phase II coastal stormwater programs in the nation by the NC General Assembly in **2006**.
- Hired by the State in **2004** to run the public education campaign to obtain public support for the new Coastal Habitat Protection Plan mandated under the Fisheries Reform Act. The plan has been adopted and has resulted in significant new resources allocated by the NC General Assembly for coastal habitat protection.
- Worked with citizens, agencies and other groups to restore and protect more than 50,000 estuary acres, including the purchase of the 6,000-acre North River Farms and undertaking the largest wetland restoration project in the state's history.



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- In partnership with Brunswick County and EPA, formed a Watershed Roundtable for the Lockwood Folly River that has developed recommendations for managing its watershed to protect and restore the river's water quality. This project promotes Low Impact Development strategies that are on the forefront of new approaches for controlling non-point source pollution in the nation.
- Led a campaign that resulted in the passage of the Solid Waste Management Act of **2007**. The bill nixed several mega-landfills planned for the coast in low-income and minority rural communities and established new environmental protections to protect surface waters and wetlands.
- NCCF opened its Northeastern Regional Office in **2008**. With three regional offices in Manteo, Ocean and Wilmington it now serves the entire state's coast with advocacy, education and restoration programs.
- From **2008 – current** NCCF continued leadership role to oppose the Titan cement plant, expanding public opposition to the plant. Overall effort to oppose Titan has delayed Titan's permitting efforts.
- Organized the **2009** Beach Summit attended by more than 50 experts in beach science, policy and management. The summit produced recommendations for ensuring that our beaches stay public and healthy.
- Formed a partnership with Hammocks Beach State Park in **2009** to manage the Jones Island Environmental Education & Restoration Center in the White Oak River.
- Received a \$5 million federal economic stimulus grant and in **2010** constructed more than 50 acres of oyster reefs that created or retained more than 150 jobs coast-wide.