

❖ Collaborating for oyster restoration

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The Albemarle-Pamlico National Estuary Partnership (APNEP) is beginning implementation of its new Comprehensive Conservation Management Plan (CCMP). This 10-year collaborative strategic plan is based on an ecosystem-based management approach, with the overall goal of a healthier Albemarle-Pamlico Estuarine System. Several implementation workgroups will be addressing actions to identify, protect and restore water quality and oyster habitats. The NC Clean Water Management Trust Fund also provides an opportunity for funding collaborative oyster and water quality improvements. By leveraging local, state and federal resources partners can provide collaborative approaches to foster more effective and efficient use of limited resources.