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**Community Action Committee Meeting**  
**Tuesday, October 12, 2021**  
**10:00am - 12:00pm**  
**Virtual Meeting - Platform: Google Meets**



# Agenda

1. **Welcome and Introductions**
2. **Review and Approval of Minutes**
3. **Presenters**
  - a. Jason Kudulis - MBNEP, Restoration Project Manager
    - i. Deer River Marsh and Shoreline Restoration
    - ii. Lower Fish River Restoration
    - iii. Q&A
4. **Announcements/Updates**
5. **Adjourn**



# Guest Speaker

**Jason Kudulis**  
**MBNEP, Restoration Project Manager**



# Announcements and Updates





# Volunteer Water Quality Monitoring Reporting Protocol

(Rural Monitors)



## Reporting Protocol for Volunteer Water Quality Monitors

This document is to be utilized by volunteers monitoring in rural watersheds (areas not supported by a municipal sewage treatment) under Alabama Water Watch (AWW) monitoring protocols for the purpose of reporting water quality issues to the Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM). Reporting water quality issues helps protect human health and aquatic life, assists ADEM in monitoring and determining impairments, and reduces or prevents future issues. Perceived indicators of water quality issues that should be reported include fish kills, illegal dumps, chemical smell or strong odors, algae overgrowth, etc. Data based indicators that should be reported include high *E.Coli* counts and significant chemistry changes such as low dissolved oxygen. Report data based indicators to ADEM when:

- **2 consecutive sampling events each have average *E.Coli* counts of 400 or greater CFU's per 100ml** (May through October)
- **2 consecutive sampling events each have average *E.Coli* counts of 600 or greater CFU's per 100ml** (November through April)
- **2 consecutive sampling events have significant chemistry changes** (Year round)

After recording high *E.Coli* counts or significant chemistry changes within 2 consecutive sampling events, conduct additional testing 1-2 weeks after to confirm the initial results before submitting a report to ADEM.

Report perceived and data based indicators of water quality issues online via the ADEM complaint form and include methods used in sampling. **Steps to submit a report via online complaint form:**

1. Go to the ADEM Complaint Form at <http://app.adem.alabama.gov/complaints/submission.aspx>
2. Fill out all sections of the Complaint Form. Be as detailed as possible and include any photos taken to document the issue being reported.
3. In the 'Description of the Problem' section, state that Alabama Water Watch monitoring methodologies and protocols were followed during the sample collection and testing processes, and that the results being reported are the average (calculated by AWW) of 3 samples from 2 separate sampling events within 30 days of each other.
4. Provide an email address in the 'Your Information' section to receive an email upon review of the complaint and when the complaint has been evaluated/investigated by ADEM.
5. Click submit once you have completed filling out the complainant form.
6. Check the status of your complaint periodically to see if it has been evaluated.

Once you click submit, you will be given a Complaint Number that you can use to track the status and progress of your complaint. Use your Complaint Number to view a Status Report of your complaint from the [ADEM Complaint Search page](#). Contact information for the ADEM staff assigned to your complaint will be available on the Status Report.

**As an additional reporting measure**, alert Mobile Baykeeper by filling out their reporting form at <https://airtable.com/shrLbdunxcee10CKE> and including methods used in sampling.

### Additional ADEM Resources:

Report Emergency Water Quality Issues to ADEM's Emergency After Hours line (1-800-843-0699).

ADEM Mobile Central Office: (251) 450-3400 / [mobilemail@adem.alabama.gov](mailto:mobilemail@adem.alabama.gov)

ADEM Mobile Coastal Office: (251) 304-1176

[ADEM 303d list of Impaired Waters \(2020\)](#)

[ADEM Website](#)

# Watershed Planning Status Update

**Western Shore:** Complete

**Gulf Frontal:** In comment period; Wrapping up

**Mobile-Tensaw Delta:** Wrap up in early 2022

**D'Olive Update:** Editing first draft; Wrapping up

**Dauphin Island:** In development

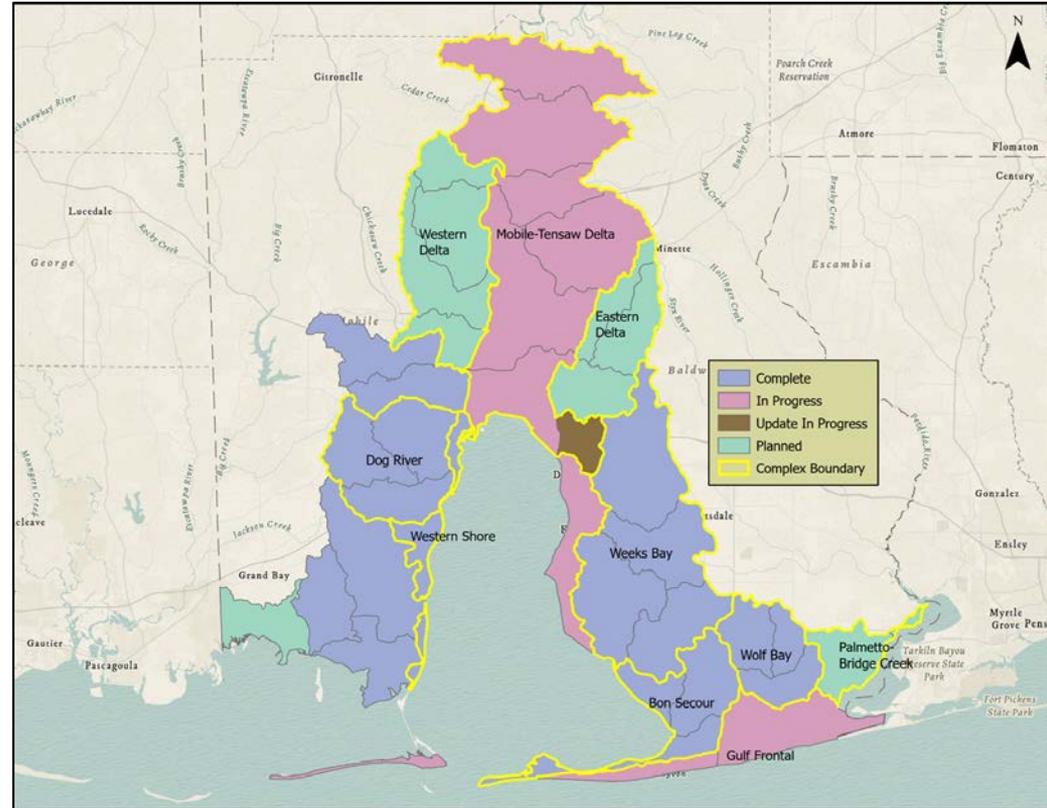
**Eastern Shore:** In development

**Palmetto/Bridge Creek- Perdido:** RFQ released

**Western Delta:** RFQ released

**Eastern Delta:** RFQ to be released early 2022

**Grand Bay Swamp:** RFQ to be released early 2022



<https://www.mobilebaynep.com/watersheds>

# Announcements and Updates:

## **Fowl River Area Civic Association (FRACA) Monthly Meeting**

Topics: Watershed Implementation Status Update; Water Quality Monitoring Data Summary Report

Location: Fowl River Community Center

Date & Time: TBD

## **Sharing Monitoring Stories**

Related to restoration, water quality, litter, habitat shorelines, etc.

Goal: communicate volunteer and other enviro. monitoring findings to the public

Send submissions or questions to [mblanchard@mobilebaynep.com](mailto:mblanchard@mobilebaynep.com)

## **Next Community Action Committee Meeting**

February 8, 2021

## **Virtual vs In-person Meetings in 2022**

February 8, 2021

## **Topic Suggestions**

Send suggestions to [mblanchard@mobilebaynep.com](mailto:mblanchard@mobilebaynep.com)

