

October 24, 2009

To: Virginia DEQ/DCR
From: NAPS
Re: Educational efforts associated with Implementation Plan for bacterial impairment

This letter is to pledge NAPS support for educational efforts in Northumberland County to reduce concentrations of fecal coliform bacteria in local waterways so as to try to reduce or remove impairments for the harvesting of shellfish. Our efforts are contingent on there being a single Implementation Plan for the entire County. We do not have the manpower or will to sustain a prolonged effort that treats the County on a watershed-by-watershed basis. We are willing to target residents of the County, but not specific groups such as watermen or farmers who are best approached by other entities. We will also decline to participate in educational efforts that we believe to be unproductive and inappropriate, such as specifically attempting to reduce contamination from free-roaming dogs in this rural County.

Should the authorities decide to proceed with Implementation Plans on a watershed-by-watershed basis, we request that we be formally informed of the reason(s) for the decision and the specific persons(s) responsible for the decision.

We look forward to working with State authorities and other groups to try to resolve the bacterial contamination issue as quickly as possible and to move on to a Use Attainability Analysis should IP efforts prove ineffective at reducing bacterial levels.

Yours sincerely, for the NAPS board,

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President, NAPS

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cc: Del. Rob Wittman; Sen. Richard Stuart; Del. Albert Pollard; County Administrator
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