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BTNEP ACTION PLANS

Introduction to BTNEP Action Plans

The BTNEP Action Plans are arguably the most important element in the CCMP. The Action Plans identify work to address the seven identified priority problems within the estuary: hydrologic modification, sediment reduction, habitat loss, changes in living resources, eutrophication, pathogens, and toxic substances.

The Action Plans are a product of an ongoing attempt to establish consensus among stakeholders of the estuary to effectively meet the estuary's most critical management needs. With more than a quarter of a century of experience with implementing Action Plans, BTNEP is uniquely positioned to maintain its leadership role in the measures that improve the wetlands and the people who live here.

The Action Plans have been divided into four main categories in keeping with the APT directives. The categories include: Coordinated Planning and Implementation, Ecological Management, Sustained Recognition and Citizen Involvement, and Economic Growth. Each of these categories contains varying numbers of Action Plans; however, they adequately meet the needs of the BTNEP MC guidelines.

Each of the Action Plans contains several elements including:

- objectives
- background/major issues related to the topics
- descriptions of the actions
- lead agencies responsible for implementing the actions
- timelines and milestones
- possible range of costs and sources of funding
- performance measures

These Action Plans serve as an advisory set of plans to aid as guidance for the preservation and restoration efforts throughout the BTES over the next 25 years. The Action Plans recognize that our communities have pledged to the ongoing stewardship of our estuary and work to grow on the efforts of the past while looking to the future. Using the combination of science-based wisdom coupled with consensus-driven decision making, these Action Plans make a bold attempt to continue to make improvements to properly manage the abundant resources of the area that provide assets to the local, state, national, and international communities.