

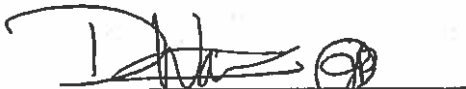
## INTERIM REPORT

*The above named Commission is tasked with investigating, monitoring, and proposing prevention and mitigation strategies for emerging environmental threats in coastal and Great Bay waters, including but not limited to warming of waters, ocean acidification, sedimentation, and nutrient loading; Identifying gaps and recommending improvements in water quality monitoring, including monitoring pH and evaluating its impact on the impaired waters designation of water bodies; Recommending strategies for enhancing capacities for improving water quality; and examining the Blue Carbon credit program for sea grass promotion and oyster bed restoration.*

### FINDINGS

This Commission met on October 19<sup>th</sup> and will continue to meet monthly until the Final Report is submitted on or before November 1, 2018. During this meeting, the Commission elected Erik Chapman to be the Chair of the Commission as well as Steve Couture to be the Secretary. They also identified topics of interest they would like to study further with an emphasis on ocean acidification. The members set a future schedule and agreed that meeting at the Fish and Game Durham Office when possible would be favorable to achieving maximum attendance. Members also discussed and decided that all resource documents should go through the Chair. The October 19<sup>th</sup> minutes are included in this report.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Senator David Watters