#### **Lyngbya Toxin Production**

#### **NCSU / ODU Pilot Study**

- June 2021
  - Deployment of SPATTS in conjunction with lyngbya treatment application
    - Stress release?
  - SPATTS for each site were vertically suspended from each other
    - Individuals removed at different time points







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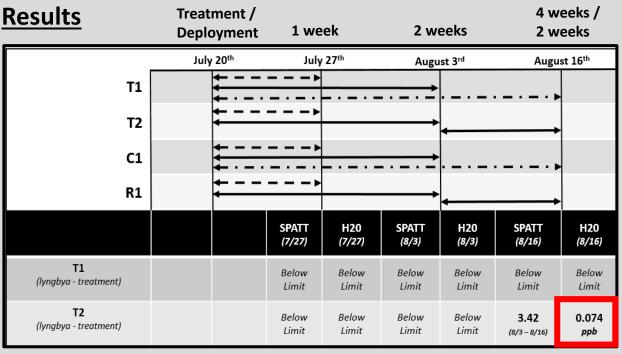
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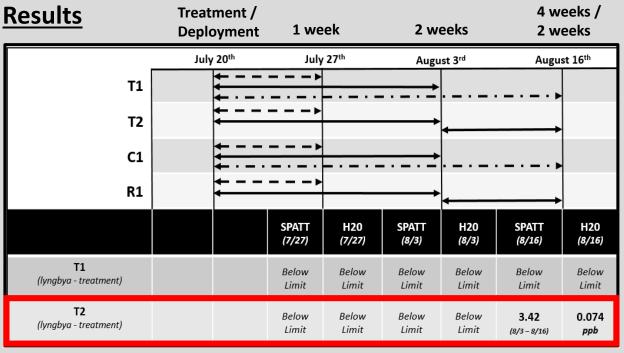




**VA Recreational Advisory: 4 ppb** 

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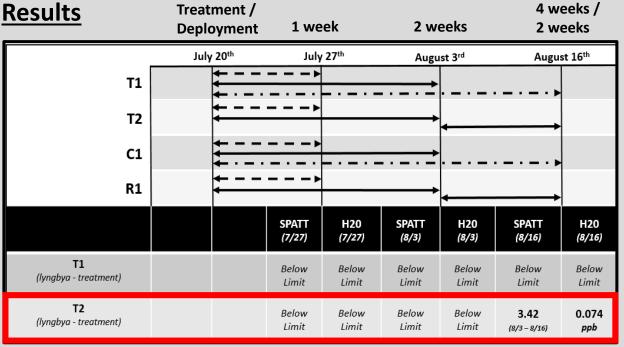
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- Adjacent to a site of new construction
  - Boat Dock





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• <u>Take Away:</u> determine proof of concept for using SPATTs to detect lyngbya cyanotoxins within a freshwater environment





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### First Study To Do This!

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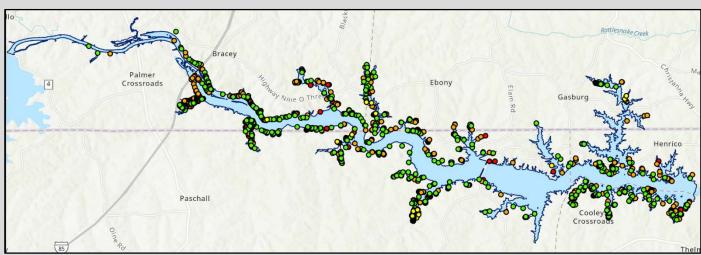






### **Questions?**





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Report Issues Regarding Aquatic Plants







