

**Notice of Public Hearing
Long Island Sound Blue Plan
Resource and Use Inventory**

The Commissioner of the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (“DEEP”) hereby gives notice that a public hearing will be held on the Long Island Sound Blue Plan Resource and Use Inventory at DEEP Marine Headquarters, 333 Ferry Road, Old Lyme on May 8, 2018 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm in Conference Room Building 3.

The Blue Plan is a marine spatial planning process for Long Island Sound that was authorized by section 25-157t of the General Statutes ([Connecticut Public Act 15-66](#)). The intent of the Blue Plan is to plan and account for both the existing human uses of the Sound and the habitats and natural resources needed for marine life to thrive in the Sound. Doing so will help ensure that: (a) the existing human uses and the habitats and natural resources and features of the Sound are protected and (b) any new and existing uses of the Sound will be compatible with each other and with the Sound’s habitats and natural resources.

The Long Island Sound Resource and Use Inventory has been under development for over two years and contains 12 ecological and 13 human use chapters in its 294 pages. As specified in section 25-157t(b) of the statute, the Inventory has been overseen by a Long Island Sound Inventory and Science Subcommittee convened by the University of Connecticut. The document provides information on the current state of the Sound’s natural resources and human uses, all based on existing data available to the Subcommittee, and is the first step in drafting the Blue Plan for Long Island Sound. Ultimately, the Inventory will be used as the basis for developing Blue Plan policies to minimize future conflicts with these resources and uses.

Information about the Inventory can be found at <http://www.ct.gov/deep/lisblueplaninventory>, and other Blue Plan information is available at <http://www.ct.gov/deep/lisblueplan>.

INFORMATION REQUESTS/PUBLIC COMMENT

The success of the Blue Plan depends on the involvement of the general public and all stakeholders to make sure the Plan reflects the knowledge, perspectives, and needs of everyone whose lives are touched by Long Island Sound. Interested parties are invited to review and comment on the Draft Inventory and any other Blue Plan-related topics. Please submit written comments to Blue Plan Inventory, Bureau of Water Protection and Land Reuse, Connecticut Department of Energy & Environmental Protection, 79 Elm Street, Hartford, Connecticut 06106-5127 or by email to DEEP.BluePlanLIS@ct.gov on or before May 23, 2018.

Questions may be directed to David Blatt at (860) 424-3610 or to DEEP.BluePlanLIS@ct.gov.

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