Agenda

10:00 pm	Welcome/L*ogistics*/Objectives Jean Brochi, EPA Region 1
10:15 pm	ELIS ZSF/Site Screening Lynne McLeod/Carlton Hunt, Battelle
11:15 pm	Discussion
12:00 pm	Lunch Break
12:30 pm	Physical Oceanography Jim O'Donnell, UCONN
2:30 pm	Discussion
3:00 pm	Wrap Up/Next Steps, Adjourn

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Cooperating Agency Meeting (#1)

Eastern Long Island Sound Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (ELIS SEIS)

U.S. EPA Region 1
January 8, 2013

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ELIS SEIS Process

- July 2012 – EPA requested agencies and tribes to participate as cooperating agencies.

- Cooperating Agency Status:

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ELIS SEIS PROCESS

- Agency representatives have responded from the following State agencies (CT, NY, and RI); Federal agencies (Corps NYD, Corps NED, USFWS, NMFS, Navy).
- EPA will continue to work with Tribes and other agencies.
- This is the first of several Cooperating Agency Meetings throughout this process.
- Cooperating Agency status does not interfere with agency representatives regulatory responsibilities.

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ELIS SEIS Process

NOTICE OF INTENT

SCOPING

ZONE OF SITING FEASIBILITY (ZSF)

IDENTIFICATION OF ALTERNATIVES AND DATA NEEDS FOR EXISTING SITES

NEW SITES

SCREENING
PHASE I / PHASE II

SELECT CANDIDATE SITES

EXISTING SITES

ASSESS DATA NEEDS

COLLECT DATA

PREPARE DRAFT EIS

COMMENT PERIOD

PREPARE FINAL EIS

COMMENT PERIOD

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ELIS SEIS Process

- EPA website revised: http://www.epa.gov/region1/eco/lisdreg/elis.html

- Email notification system, contact: ELIS@epa.gov if you would like to be added to the email distribution list.

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ELIS SEIS Process

Objectives:

- Cooperating Agencies have until January 18, 2013 to comment on ZSF and site screening.
- EPA would like Cooperating Agencies input on the following:
- ZSF, areas to focus field work, Phys O. sample design, data gaps.
- Do agencies have additional data?

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ELIS SEIS Process

LIS DMMP ZSF:

Western boundary at the Throgs Neck Bridge.

Eastern boundary is a line from Point Judith to Block Island to Montauk Point and then following the spine of the south fork moraine west to include all the waters of Gardner's Bay, Peconic Bay.

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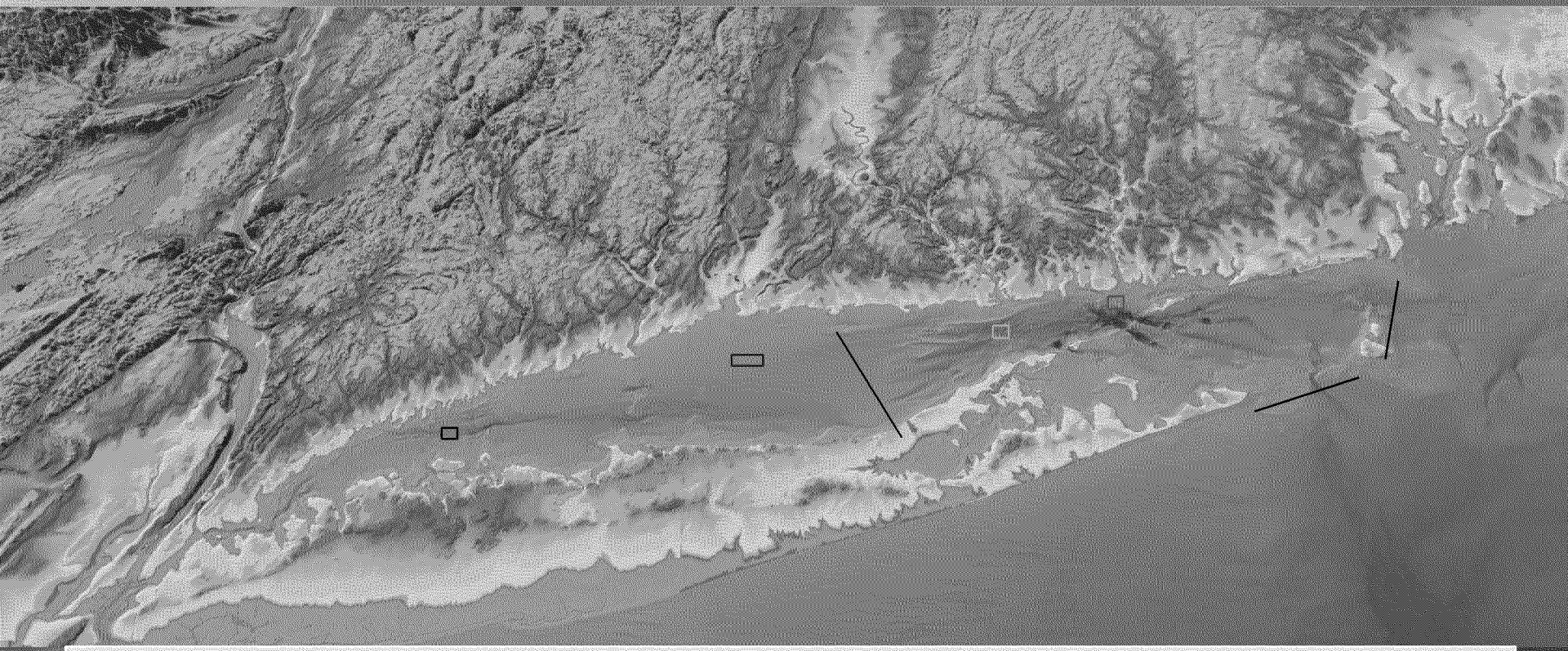
ELIS SEIS Process



Western Long Island Sound Disposal Site

Central Long Island Sound Disposal Site

Cornfield Shoals Disposal Site

New London Disposal Site

Rhode Island Sound Disposal Site

Zone of Siting Feasibility

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ELIS SEIS Process

Existing Data:

- Data collection for original LIS EIS included eastern LIS from 1999-2002.
- EPA conducted site monitoring surveys on OSV Bold in 2007, and 2009 - 2012.
- USACE DAMOS Monitoring:

NLDS – 10 surveys since 1990: bathy, physical oceanography, benthic biology, chemistry

CSDS – 3 surveys since 1990: bathy, sediment transport

RISDS – 4 surveys since 2000: bathy, benthic biology, lobster abundance, plume tracking

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ELIS SEIS Process

Dredging Needs Report completed in October 2009:

- Determined that approximately 13.5 million cubic yards will be dredged from ELIS harbors and channels over the next 26 years (planning horizon to 2028)

Upland, Beneficial Use, and Sediment Dewatering Reports completed in 2009-2010:

- Determined that there are very few alternatives to open-water disposal sites in CT, and most of those are beach nourishment

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Next Steps

- Additional public meetings in 2013
- Draft SEIS by December 2014
- Final SEIS by December 2015
- If SEIS recommends designation of one or more sites, publish final rulemaking by December 2016

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Questions?