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Subject: Call today: Protect Seals & Sea Turtles near Plum Island

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Long Island Sound's whales, seals, and turtles are counting on you!

New legislation protecting wildlife around Plum Island could pass in New York state.

But New York's legislative session ends tomorrow, so please make a call today to protect these animals! More information on how to call is below.

The marine habitats surrounding the sister-island chain of Plum, Great Gull, and Little Gull are among the most abundant in our region. The largest colony of harbor and grey seals (over 600 in the winter!) in southeastern New England resides on the rocky shores. Sea turtles forage in the eel grass meadows around the islands, and harbor porpoises frequent these waters too. Just last year, an endangered North Atlantic Right Whale was spotted.

Today, these animals need your voice. Please call the state senators listed below and ask them to support this important legislation.

Sen. Tom O'Mara: (518) 455 2091
Sen. Phil Boyle: (518) 455 3411
Sen. Carl Marcellino: (518) 455 2390

The "Marine Mammal and Sea Turtle Protection Area" legislation (Assembly bill A10474 and Senate bill S7977) authorizes the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation to promulgate regulations to prevent harassment, and assure protection of, marine mammals and sea turtles within a specified area around the three islands. The legislation would help protect the unique conditions and habitats surrounding Plum, Great Gull, and Little Gull Islands, below mean high water.

Thank you! If you have an extra minute, please let us know you called by emailing sganong@ctenvionment.org.

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Save the Sound is dedicated to safe swimming beaches, healthy waters for people and wildlife, and protecting the watershed of Long Island Sound. Offices in New Haven and Mamaroneck.

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