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Testimony Regarding Raised Senate Bill No. 312

An Act Concerning a Long Island Sound Resource and Use Inventory and a Long Island Sound Blue Plan

Good afternoon Senator Meyer, Representative Gentile, Senator Chapin, Representative Shaban and members of the Environment Committee. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on SB 312, An Act Concerning a Long Island Sound Resource and Use Inventory and a Long Island Sound Blue Plan.

OPM recognizes that Long Island Sound, and its resources, are invaluable assets to our state, offering recreational and educational activities, acting as an economic driver for the entire region, and providing a unique aquatic ecosystem.

OPM has met with the proponents of this legislation to discuss their proposal, and continue to discuss the feasibility and logistics. We are supportive of the concept of completing a resource and use inventory, and believe it would be of great benefit to our state. While we continue to have some questions about particular aspects of the bill and the ability to complete the tasks within the specified deadline, we believe that this bill provides a useful starting point for further discussion and we look forward to working with the committee and proponents as we move forward during the legislative session.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on this bill.