

Testimony in Support of
House Joint Resolution No. 1
The Adoption of The Long Island Sound Blue Plan
Submitted by Guy West, Clean Water Fund
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To: Honored Chairs Senator Cohen and Representative Demicco
and Distinguished Members of the Environment Committee

On behalf of the Connecticut Office of The Clean Water Fund, I would like to thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of HJ 1 to adopt The Long Island Blue Plan. The health and viability of Long Island Sound (LIS) is an important part of the economy and recreation activities of Connecticut residents, businesses and the state's tourism industry. Additionally, it is a unique treasured estuary of southern New England and should be valued as such. This Plan sets forth the significance of this value to Connecticut and New York alike.

The Plan, in its final draft, is the result of contributions of approximately 2,000 individuals from business, government and NGOs as well as the general public and is the project of nearly 100 meetings and webinars over a period of four years. We urge The Committee to approve this resolution and move it forward to Connecticut's General Assembly for consideration and passage.

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