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GRADUATES STUDENTS OFFERED OPPORTUNITY TO BECOME LONG ISLAND SOUND FELLOWS

Stamford, July 1, 2004 — Graduate students interested in careers in coastal environmental management can apply for one-year fellowships, and gain valuable experience, working for the Long Island Sound Study's Science and Technical Advisory Committee (STAC), Mark Tedesco, director of the U.S. EPA Long Island Sound Office announced today.

One fellow will be selected from a New York institution, and a second fellow will be awarded from a Connecticut institution. The program is sponsored by the EPA, the Connecticut Sea Grant, and New York Sea Grant.

The STAC, which includes university scientists from around Long Island Sound, meets several times a year to provide guidance on scientific issues to Long Island Sound Study's Management Committee.

"We think this is a fantastic opportunity for graduate students to learn from scientists and resource managers working to understand and restore Long Island Sound, a vital coastal resource to millions of New York and Connecticut residents," said Tedesco. "At the same time the STAC, an advisory committee, can use the graduate student's administrative and technical support."

This is the third year Long Island Sound Study has offered the fellowships. Applicants must be masters or doctoral students whose research focuses on a topic relevant to understanding and managing Long Island Sound. The Fellows will work with the STAC co-chairs, providing an average of 10 hours per week of support to the STAC during the academic year and 20 hours per week during the summer. Applications must be received by the EPA Long Island Sound Office in Stamford by Sept. 15, 2004. A decision will be made by Oct. 1.

Awards will include half-time support for 1 year at a level consistent with the policy of the student's graduate institution.

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The Long Island Sound Study, part of the EPA's National Estuary Program, is a cooperative effort between the EPA and the states of Connecticut and New York to restore and protect the Sound and its ecosystem. Connecticut Sea Grant, based at the University of Connecticut at Avery Point, and New York Sea Grant, based at Stony Brook University in Stony Brook, are part of the National Sea Grant program. Their mission is to foster the conservation and wise use of coastal and marine resources through research, outreach, and education.

For more information on applying, call the EPA-Long Island Sound Office at 203-977-1541 or go to www.longislandsoundstudy.net to read the announcement of opportunity.