

# State of Connecticut



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## EEL GRASS WORKING GROUP MEETING AGENDA

Wednesday, August 30, 2023

10:00 AM ZOOM REMOTE MEETING

- 1) Introductions (15 min total)
- 2) Review of Group Charge, Enabling Legislation ([SA 23-7](#))
- 3) Eelgrass Overview (20 min total)
  - a) Ecosystem benefits overview (Vaudrey, 2 min)
  - b) Overview of Eelgrass distribution in Long Island Sound (Vaudrey, 3 min)
    - i) Saving the Sound with History - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z7aJz8RQQml> (1 min 36 sec), Vaudrey introduce
  - c) LISS CCMP goal for eelgrass restoration – how the goal was identified, target (Vaudrey, 3 min)
  - d) Restoration in the Sound – overview of efforts (Lucey, 5 min)
    - i) A New Method for Eelgrass Restoration - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kA-cMtAtwDk> (4 min 30 sec)
- 4) Overview of other working group and collaborative efforts, listed chronologically (Vaudrey/Lucey/Getchis, 20 min total)
  - a) New York Efforts (Lucey, 4 min)
    - i) Fishers Island Seagrass Management Coalition
    - ii) NYS Eelgrass Coordinator
  - b) EPA LISS Eelgrass Management and Restoration Strategy (Vaudrey, 3 min)
  - c) CT National Estuarine Research Reserve's Eelgrass Collaborative (Vaudrey, 3 min)
  - d) Shellfish Permitting Working Group (Getchis, 5min)
    - i) Not-yet-released, NOAA NMFS literature review of eelgrass-aquaculture interactions in Long Island Sound
- 5) Setting priorities for this Working Group (1 hour, Vaudrey & Lucey facilitate discussion), Utilize Mural or Jamboard for capturing ideas – link will be shared during the meeting
  - i) Required output/products.
  - ii) Mission statement – what do we want to accomplish?
  - iii) Timeline & meeting schedule.

- iv) Lines of Communication
- v) Member assignments