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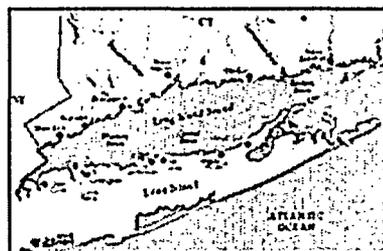
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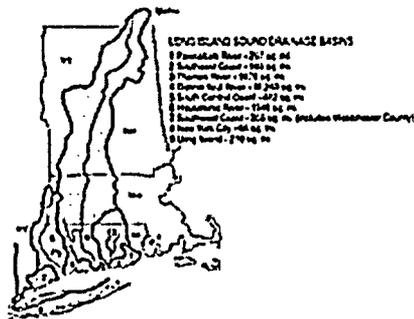
Sound Facts & Figures

- Area of LIS: 1320 square miles
- Drainage Basin or Watershed: 16,820 square miles
- Average Depth: 63 feet (60-120 feet)
- Volume: 18 trillion gallons
- Coastline: 600 miles
- Salinity Ranges: 23 parts per thousand in the western end to 35 parts per thousand at the eastern end
- Source of Fresh Water: 90% of the freshwater comes from three major Connecticut Rivers - the Thames, Housatonic, and Connecticut
- Temperature: 32°F in winter and 73°F in summer
- Tides: two high and two low each day with the greatest tides in the west
- Population Living within 50 miles: 20 million people
- Estimated Value to the Local Economy: \$5.5 billion per year
- Fish Populations: more than 120 species of finfish, including 21 tropical species that stray here seasonally; at least 50 species spawn in the Sound

Maps



Long Island Sound - From New York City to the Rhode Island Border



Long Island Sound Drainage Basins

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